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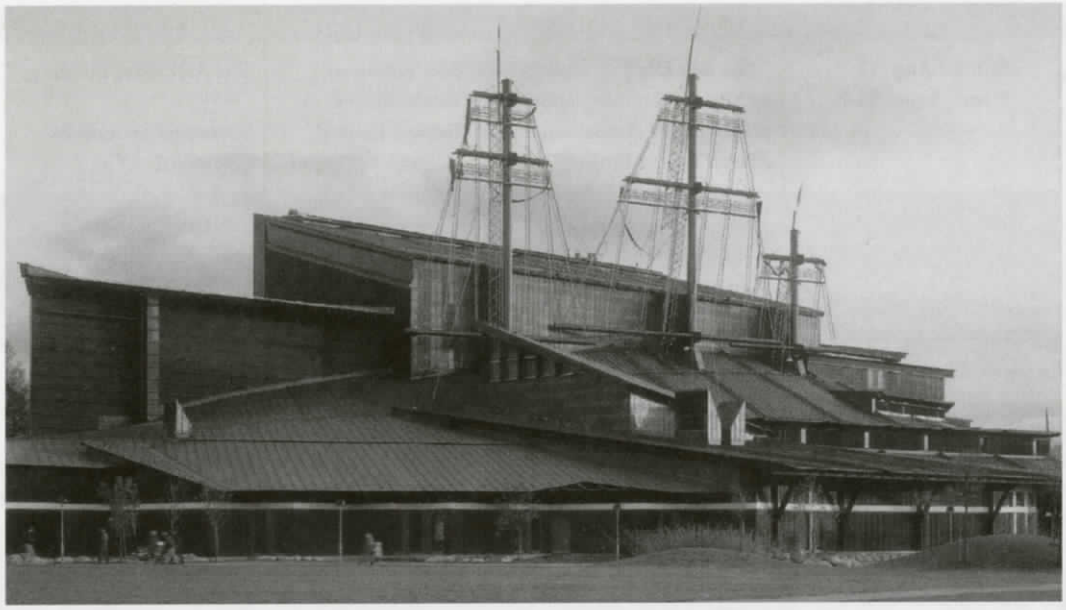


Finland heads destinations of next six BSA tours

The BSA's continuing program of international architecture tours resumes with a **September 24-October 7** tour to Scandinavia this year. Led by our tour designer, Architects Abroad, we visit Finland, Denmark and Sweden (including, above, The Vasa Museum in Stockholm designed by Göran Mansson and Marianne Dohlback) with optional tour extensions to Estonia and St. Petersburg.

Then, in October, we head in the other direction for a two-week tour of California to explore the work of Frank Gehry FAIA, Peter Pfau, Mark Mack, Eric Owen Moss and other California architects in San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego (and then a quick trip to Las Vegas). The tour dates are **October 10-23**.

From **October 23 to November 6**, Architects Abroad takes the BSA tourists to Mexico (including Mexico City, the colonial cities, and the Yucatan with an optional tour extension to Cuba) to see the work of Ricardo Legoretta, Augustin Hernandez, and many others.

In a reprise of what has been the Architects Abroad/BSA's most popular tour, we return to Italy for a **November 6-20** visit to Rome, Tuscany and Florence, Venice and the Veneto, and Milan.

Finally, the new century begins with a **December 21-January 2** tour to Thailand and an **April 15-29** tour to Australia. For details and brochures, call 800-272-8808.

Viñoly joins our harbor cruise

The Building Industry Networking Cruise sets sail on Boston Harbor on **July 29**. Rafael Viñoly, HNTB's design partner for the new Boston Convention and Exhibition Center, addresses this gathering of design and facility-management professionals on "The Changing City Skyline". Hosted by the BSA, IFMA and IIDA, this second annual event will accomodate over 500 people. Cruise sponsors include Office Resources, Cannon, Payton Construction, American Express Equipment Finance, Diversified Project Management, Shaw Contract Flooring, and Vanderweil Engineers.

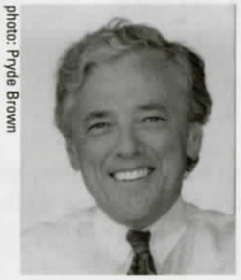
The Networking Cruise is an opportunity for professionals in architecture, interior design, engineering, real estate, facility management and construction to enjoy an evening of music, good food and a beautiful view of the Boston skyline. Net proceeds from the cruise fund public education programs on design and the built environment.

We begin at 5:00 pm on July 29 with a wine-and-cheese reception in Foster's Pavilion at Rowes Wharf, where Viñoly will display preliminary Convention Center designs and discuss the project. The Odyssey cruise ship leaves the Pavilion at 7:00 pm; we enjoy dinner on board.

For ticket information, call or e-mail Rhiannon Hayes at 617-423-9100/*rhiannon@ori.com.*

	Event	Location/Sponsor	Cost/RSVP
Apr. 20-Aug. 31 9 am - 5 pm, M-F	**"The Big Dig"** — a continuing BSA exhibit of architectural photographer Peter Vanderwarker's photographic documentation of Boston's Central Artery/Tunnel Project	The Architects Building Sponsored by Suffolk Construction Co.	Free
Jun. 7-Aug. 27 9 am - 5 pm, M-F	**"New England Architects"** — the unique photographic exhibit of work of all types by New England architects assembled first for Build Boston '98 (see p. 13)	The Architects Building Sponsored by Suffolk Construction Co.	Free
Jul. 17 2-5:00 pm	**"Response and Responsibility"** — a special public/professional presentation of work overseas by several of Boston's leading international designers (see p. 7)	Roger Williams University Sponsored by the BSA International Markets Committee and Roger Williams University	Free 617-951-1433x221
Jul. 29 5-10:00 pm	**"Networking Cruise"** — the second annual BSA/IIDA/IFMA networking cruise on Boston Harbor (see p. 1)	Rowes Wharf/Boston Harbor Sponsored by BSA, IIDA, IFMA and allies (see p. 1)	$60.00 members $75.00 non-members $600.00 table of eight 617-423-9100 (Rhiannon Hayes)/*rhiannon@ori.com*

Bruce Abbey



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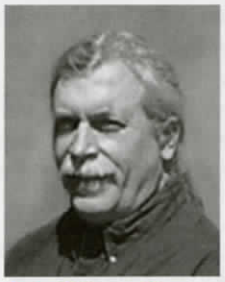


Chris Williams AIA

Call for Entries: BSA Honor Awards

All Massachusetts architects and all architects throughout the world who have designed projects in Massachusetts are eligible for the BSA's annual Honor Awards for Excellence in Architecture design awards. Projects must have been completed after January 1, 1992 and structures or buildings of any size and any project type — including rehabs, interior architecture, monuments, etc. — are eligible.

The jurors for this 1999 program are Bruce Abbey (Syracuse University School of Architecture), Robert Hillier FAIA (The Hillier Group, Philadelphia and Princeton), Karen Stein (Phaidon Press, New York City), and Chris Williams AIA (Christopher P. Williams Architects, Meredith NH).

The call for entries was mailed in May; a slightly revised version of the Call is now available on the BSA Website (*www.architects.org*) or call 617-951-1433x221. The submission deadline is **September 3**.

Again this year, Poole Professional Ltd., the professional liability insurance advisors in Wakefield, and the California-based Design Professionals Insurance Company (DPIC) have provided generous financial underwriting for this BSA awards program.

Call for Entries: Unbuilt Architecture

Practitioners, educators and students throughout the world are invited to submit work this year to the eighth annual BSA Unbuilt Architecture Design Awards Program. This is an opportunity for the entire design community to share unbuilt design work (the dreams we never get to build) and to have such work recognized for its design excellence. Unbuilt architectural designs of any project type are eligible including purely theoretical projects and unbuilt client-sponsored projects. There are no geographical or other restrictions on the individuals, teams, firms, or institutions eligible to submit and there are no restrictions on the location of projects that ultimately may be built.

CBT principal Robert Brown AIA, Co-Chair of the BSA Design Committee and creator of this design awards program, chairs the jury. Other jurors this year include Margaret Smart Booz (Smart Architecture, Cambridge), recent award-recipient in this program Stephen Luoni (Stephen Luoni Design Studio, Gainesville FL), recent recipient of the AIA Young Architects Citation David Nagahiro AIA (CBT, Boston), Ron Ostberg AIA (The Stubbins Associates), and *Architectural Record*'s Suzanne Stephens.

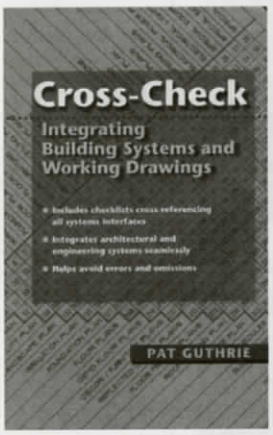
The call for entries was mailed in May. For additional copies, call 617-951-1433x221 or e-mail your request to *bsarch@architects.org* or visit our Website (*www.architects.org*) and click on "News and Events".

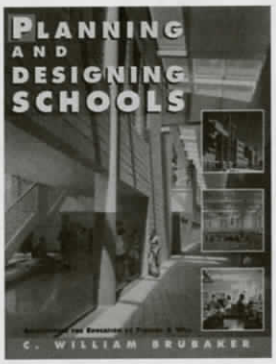
The submission deadline is **August 24**.

Building systems/working drawings and school design resources at BSA

Two new publications are available through the BSA Resources catalog inserted in this issue of the ChapterLetter:

Cross-Check/Integrating Building Systems and Working Drawings by Pat Guthrie is the new 180-page handbook for all design professionals responsible for construction documents; it is a system for checking the coordination of working drawings on projects of any size. It includes checklists cross-referencing all systems interfaces. It also includes a chapter on common errors. Published in 1998 by McGraw-Hill, it is BSA Resource #208.





Planning and Designing Schools by C. William Brubaker FAIA *et al.* focuses on state-of-the-art elementary and secondary school design. It includes a brief history of school design in the past two centuries, a review of state-of-the-art schools, color and light, site planning and the masterplan, the building process, etc. This 200-page McGraw-Hill book is BSA Resource #209.

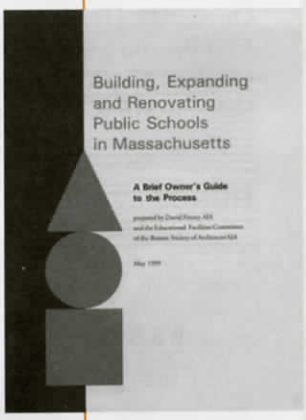
The BSA Resources catalog is inserted in this issue of the ChapterLetter; for additional copies, call/e-mail 617-951-1433x221/*bsarch@architects.org.*

Tina Erickson, Resources Manager

School design detailed in new BSA resource

A new handbook published by the BSA in May describes in detail the design process for new school buildings and school building renovations.

Conceived and developed by the BSA Educational Facilities Committee chaired by Earl R. Flansburgh FAIA, the handbook was written and edited by David Finney AIA of The Design Partnership of Cambridge with contributions from numerous architects and other members of the Educational Facilities Committee.



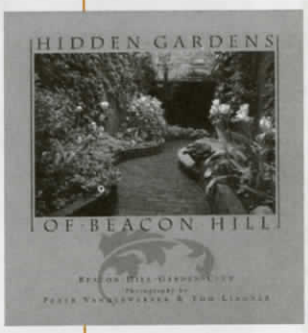
This new resource is titled "Building, Expanding and Renovating Public Schools in Massachusetts"

Distributed at no cost to school building officials in all Massachusetts municipalities, the handbook is intended to provide these decision-makers with a simple, clear description of the most effective way to plan the design and building process for school facilities.

School building officials are welcome to additional free copies by calling the BSA at 617-951-1433x221. All others are welcome to purchase copies; this resource is item #211 in the BSA Design Resources catalog inserted in this issue of the newsletter; additional copies of the catalog are available from the BSA (617-951-1433x221/*www.architects.org*).

Beacon Hill gardens now abloom at BSA

Tucked behind the 19th-century rowhouses of Beacon Hill are small, walled gardens — private, personal retreats of great individuality and charm.

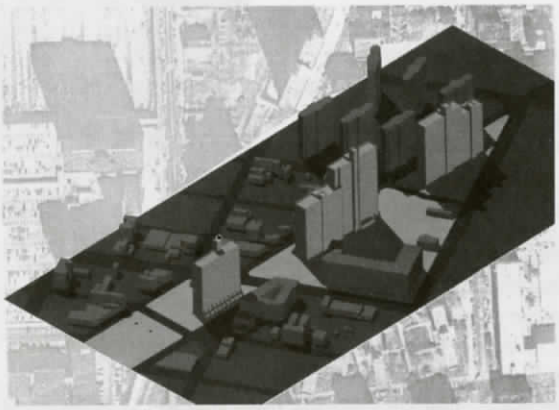


In their new book, architectural photographers Peter Vanderwarker and Tom Lingner bring these extraordinary private gardens to life. *Hidden Gardens of Beacon Hill* is the title of this new publication made available to the BSA by the Beacon Hill Garden Club. It includes 51 private gardens including old favorites from earlier editions and newcomers published for the first time. Among the wonderful gardens described verbally and photographed beautifully are those of BSA members Bob Fondren AIA, Jim McNeely AIA, Frank McGuire AIA, and Henry Lee, Hon. AIA. The book is available from the BSA. To order, use the BSA Design Resources catalog inserted in this issue of the ChapterLetter or call 617-951-1433x221 or visit our Website (*www.architects.org*).

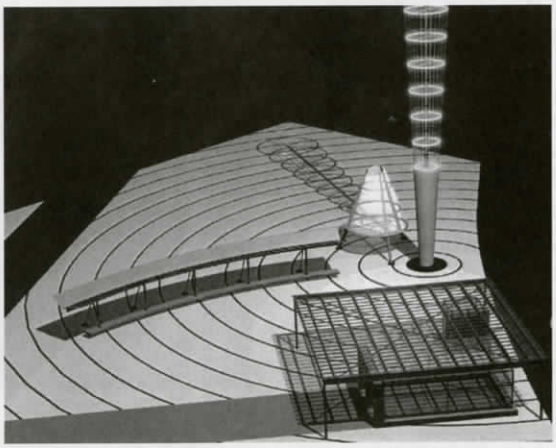
Urban designers honored

Jurors for the 1999 BSA Urban Design Awards Program have honored the eight projects noted below. This program was co-sponsored this year by AIA New York, the Manhattan chapter. The jurors included Robert Geddes FAIA (Princeton), David Owens AIA (Tsoi/Kobus & Associates, Cambridge), Cliff Pearson (*Architectural Record*), Peter Smith AIA (Wallace, Floyd, Associates, Boston), and John Stebbins AIA (Cambridge Seven Associates, Cambridge). The jurors lead a panel discussion focusing on these award-winning projects and on urban design in general during a special forum at Build Boston on November 17. The forum is free and all BSA members and friends are invited to join us for this biennial discussion of urban design. Copies of the jurors' comments on the projects honored — including full design and construction credits — will be available at that time and at the exhibit of this work on the Build Boston exhibition floor.

HONOR AWARDS

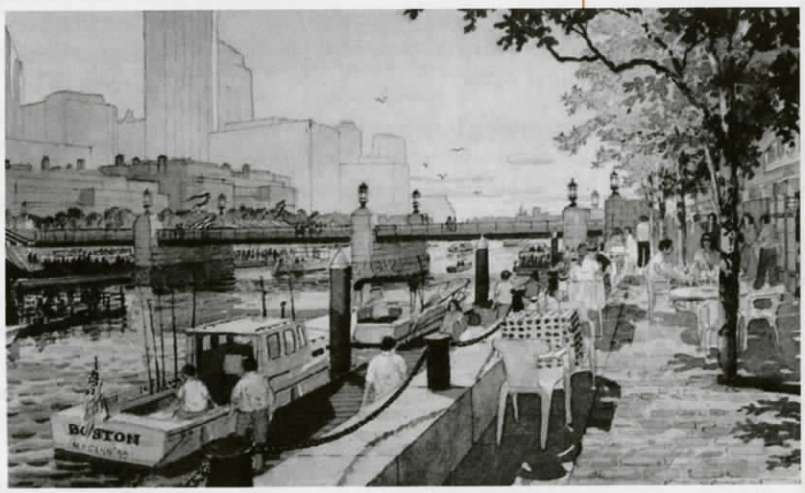


Morrisania Air Rights Housing Open Space Masterplan (the Bronx) for The New York City Housing Authority Design Department by Curtis + Ginsberg Architects (NYC); Mark K. Morrison Associates (landscape architect; NYC); Wesler-Cohen Associates (MEP engineer; Amityville NY); LZA Technology (structural engineer, NYC); Domingo Gonzalez Design (lighting designer, NYC)



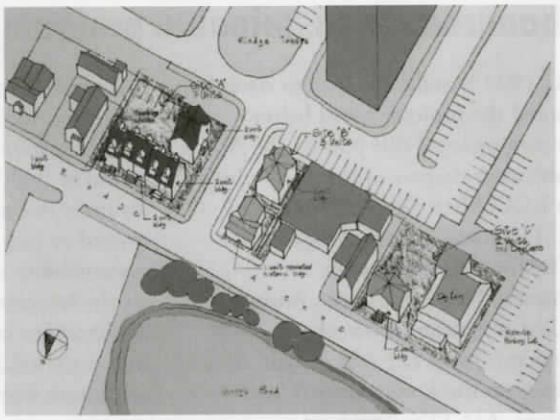
"A Constellation of Verticals"/Dewey Square (Boston) for the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority's Central Artery/Third Harbor Tunnel Project Artery Arts Program by Urban Instruments/Wellington Reiter AIA; Weidlinger Associates (structural engineer); Paul C. K. Lu and Associates (landscape design); SAR Engineering (lighting)

Brancusi Sculptural Complex Development and Restoration Plan (Tirgu Jiu, Romania) for the World Monuments Fund and the Romanian Ministry of Culture designed by Christidis Lauster Radu Architects (New York City)



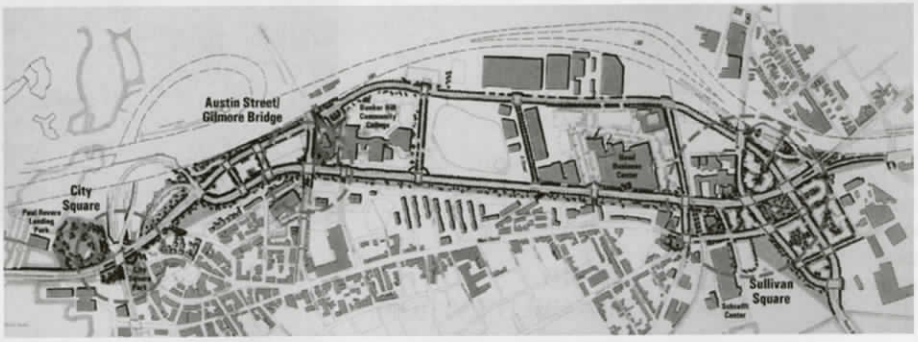
The Seaport Public Realm Plan (Boston) for The City and Citizenry of Boston by The Boston Redevelopment Authority and Cooper, Robertson and Partners (New York City)

Rindge Avenue Neighborhood Restoration (Cambridge MA) for Just-A-Start Corporation by Mostue & Associates (Somerville MA); Ng Brothers Construction (general contractor; Boston), Cygnus Group (civil engineer; Southborough MA), Coler & Colantonio (environmental consultant; South Deerfield MA)



Radnor Gateway Enhancement Strategy (Radnor Township PA) for Radnor Township by The Townscape Institute (Cambridge MA)

Jamaica Market (Queens) for the New York City Economic Development Corporation and the Office of the Queens Borough President by James McCullar & Associates (New York City); Besier Gibble Norden (structural engineer; Old Saybrook CT), Mariano D. Molina (ME engineer; New York City), George Salley (landscape consultant; Easthampton NY)...photo by Wade Zimmerman



The Rutherford Avenue Corridor Transportation Study (Charlestown MA) for the Boston Transportation Department by Frederic R. Harris, Inc. (Boston) in association with Rizzo Associates (Natick MA), The Halvorson Company (Boston), Ann Donner (Dorchester MA), IFC Kaiser Engineers (Boston), and Vitagliano Consulting (Winthrop MA)

Why do we administer design awards programs?

What is the purpose of BSA design awards programs? Have the purposes of such programs changed as the profession has changed over the past decade? Are design awards programs perceived to be good public relations? good in-house exercises for design firms? Does the BSA offer too few or too many design awards? Are all BSA members equally eligible for recognition? Should there be fewer awards for traditional design and more awards for good practice? good design processes? other professional achievements? What are the highest values of awards programs?

Why don't we have, in Boston of all places, an historic preservation/restoration design awards program? Why don't we have an "invisible architecture" award for work that doesn't show up as pretty pictures but, instead, includes consulting, accessibility studies, client satisfaction, etc.? How do we give large firms a fair shake? How do we give small firms a fair shake? Should we publish jurors' names in advance or is it better not to publish jurors' names until after a program is juried? What is an appropriate awards presentation event? Should we make some awards programs more democratic by having the profession and/or the public vote on award nominations?

These were among the numerous issues debated at one of BSA President Charles Tseckares FAIA's recent monthly planning group lunches.

If you have comments on BSA design awards programs, on how to make these programs more useful to you and your firm, write or e-mail Richard Fitzgerald at the BSA (617-951-1433x232/*rfitzgerald@architects.org*).

Robert Brown AIA, Commissioner
BSA Honors & Awards

Designers honored for sustainable projects

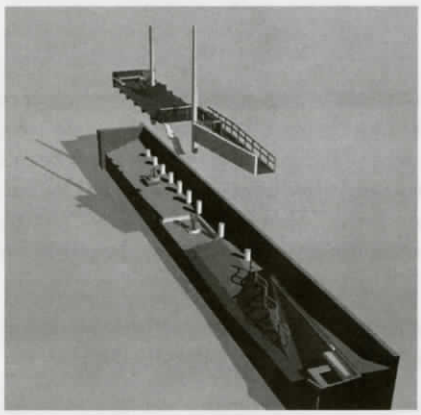
Jurors for the BSA's 1999 Sustainable Design Awards Program have honored the projects noted below. This program was co-sponsored this year by the AIA New York, the Manhattan chapter of the AIA, which also sponsored the BSA Urban Design Awards Program this year. The jurors for this program included Randy Croxton FAIA (Croxton Collaborative Architects, New York City), Andrea d'Amato, AICP (City of Boston Office of Environmental Services), Joyce Lee AIA (Chair, AIA New York Committee on the Environment), and Marilyn Phelan, Assoc. AIA (The Stubbins Associates, Cambridge). The jurors lead a panel discussion focusing on these award-winning projects and on sustainability in general during a special forum at Build Boston on November 17. The forum is free and all BSA members and friends are invited to join us for this unique biennial focus on sustainability issues. Copies of the jurors' comments on the honored projects — including full design and construction credits — will be available at that time and at the exhibit of this work on the Build Boston exhibition floor.

HONOR AWARDS

Environmental Education Center (Falmouth ME) for the Maine Audubon Society designed by Van Dam & Renner/Carol A. Wilson Architects (Portland ME)...Wright-Ryan Construction (contractor; Portland), Swift Engineering (structural consultant; Norway ME), Bennett Engineering (mechanical consultant; Freeport), Building Science Engineering (environmental consultant; Harvard MA), Mohr & Seredin (landscape architect; Portland), Woodworth Associates (exhibit design consultant; Portland)...photo by Brian Vanden Brink

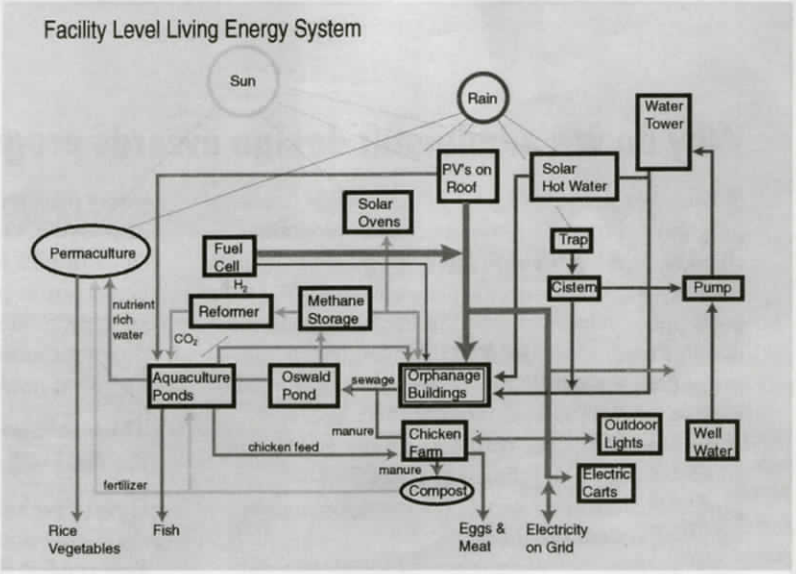
Van Atta Design Studios (Santa Barbara CA) for Wendell and Mona Van Atta designed by Blackbird Architects (Santa Barbara & San Anselmo CA)...Van Atta Associates (landscape architect; Santa Barbara), Paul Franz Construction (contractor; Santa Barbara), Howard and Van Sande (structural engineer; Santa Barbara)...photo by Vasilis Inembolidis

SPECIAL AWARD FOR URBAN INTERVENTION



"Recycled Ground"/An Urban Playground (South Bronx) for the Volunteers of America designed by Garrison Siegel Architects (New York City)...The New York Botanical Garden Bronx Green-up Program (horticultural consultant), Gilsanz Murray Steficeck (structural consultant), Ashton Bowe/Brad Burkhardt/Mark Coe/Jack Kaltner (general construction)

SPECIAL AWARD FOR SUSTAINABILITY VISION



Living Energy Systems for an Orphanage (Bien Hoa, Vietnam) for Mrs. Taeko Matsuda/ Japan Housing Organization designed by Claremont Environmental Design Group (Claremont CA) and Geographic Planning Collaborative (Running Springs CA)...Applied Ecological Systems (permaculture & forest farming consultant)

Design professionals benefit from new SBA standard

After two years of debate, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) released in May the new small-business size standard for architecture, engineering, surveying, and mapping services. To the benefit of many design professionals, the regulation increases the limits of the small-business category to $4 million in average annual receipts. This is the first increase in this standard since 1986 and it is important to architecture firms because it determines which firms may receive the benefits of SBA incentive programs such as dedicated contracts and preferred loans.

The AIA nationally has been a strong advocate of a single design industry standard in order to foster better interprofessional competition. The SBA agreed with the AIA and estimates that an additional 1,460 design firms — including 340 architecture firms — will now qualify as small businesses. For more information, call or e-mail national AIA staff member Stan Bowman at 202-626-7461/ *bowmans@aiamail.aia.org.*

Will the Dark Ages come again?

Do you know what caused the Dark Ages? Some say it was Y1K. We cannot be sure if Y2K will toss us into a tailspin but if you haven't done anything about updating your offices, we suggest you don't put it off any longer.

In May, the BSA offered a panel discussion on the Y2K issues related to architecture practices and the impact Y2K may have on you and your clients. There was a variety of material generated for that program and if you were unable to attend but w ould like to receive the material, it is not too late. Send your request with a 9" x 12" SASE and a check payable to the BSA for $25 ($12 for BSA members) to Y2K Info, BSA, 52 Broad St., Boston 02109 and we will send you a package that includes useful articles and a listing of websites we believe can make your life easier come the end of the year. As you read this material on the beach, consider taking appropriate steps to protect yourself, your business and your clients. As the insurance wizards like to say, this is a "known event" and, therefore, in large part uninsurable…so act now if you have not already.

Tim Twomey AIA, Esq.
Board Commissioner of Professional Practice

Miller named to Registration Board; Board website opens

HMFH Architects Principal John Miller FAIA has been appointed by Gov. Paul Cellucci to the Massachusetts Board of Registration of Architects.

Charged with the application of the architectural licensing laws in Massachusetts, the Board includes three other architects — Peter Steffian FAIA, who serves as Chair and is also President-elect of the national association of registration boards (NCARB), Vito Caolo AIA and Doug Engebretson FAIA — and one public member, Rogina Jeffries.

The Registration Board also has announced that it has a new Website (*www.state.ma.us/reg)* for complaints and licensing information.

John Miller FAIA

Architects' responsibilities to other nations explored

On **July 17**, the BSA and Roger Williams University bring to a professional and public audience the conclusion of a two-day conference on architecture and planning in the international arena.

Titled "Response and Responsibility," this conference was conceived by the BSA International Markets Committee chaired by Estelle Jackson, Assoc. AIA, as a follow-up to last year's BSA/ *World Architecture* roundtable on international practice.

The program begins at 2:00 pm at Roger Williams University in Bristol, Rhode Island, with project presentations by Jim Batchelor AIA (Arrowstreet), Tom Payette FAIA (Payette Associates), Fred Koetter FAIA (Koetter, Kim) and Richard Green FAIA (The Stubbins Associates). The presentations are followed by an open discussion and, at 5:00 pm, a special keynote presentation by World Bank vice-president Ismail Serageldin.

The afternoon shifts gears at 6:00 pm with a special exhibit of contemporary Dutch design and a clambake hosted by the University for all participants.

For reservations and other information for this July 17 event, call the BSA at 617-951-1433x221.

Jim Batchelor AIA

photo: Eric Roth

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Richard Green FAIA

CFA and ARCHIBUS join forces

Consulting For Architects, the BSA-related placement service in The Architects Building, has expanded its services by becoming an ARCHIBUS/FM reseller and support center. Already serving as an Autodesk Support and Training Center, CFA now brings a new level of service to ARCHIBUS/FM users.

David McFadden, Founder/CEO of CFA, notes that the new ARCHIBUS/FM services will include sales and customization, support and staffing, custom training and consultation, data and drawing conversion, Website design, a "help desk", project management and strategic masterplanning services, database applications and integration of multiple applications, etc. Len Dankner, former Northeast Regional Sales Manager for ARCHIBUS, has been named manager of this new CFA service.

ARCHIBUS was founded by Jung/Brannen Associates to develop high-quality CAFM solutions for facility managers. The ARCHIBUS/FM product remains the leading AutoCAD-based CAFM solution in the world and is now the world's first CIFM Enterprise solution.

For more information on this new service, contact CFA at 212-532-4360/*www.cons4arch.com.*

B141 explained...again

"The New AIA B141: The Good, The Bad and The Dangerous" is the title of a three-part series on the new B141 published in *Communique*, DPIC's excellent practice newsletter.

The three-part series includes an architect's perspective on the new business and marketing opportunities offered by B141 and an attorney's perspective on the numerous risk-management changes inherent in the new document. The authors are Michael Strogoff AIA, a negotiation consultant in California, and David Ericksen, an attorney in San Francisco.

New York City construction law specialist Barry LePatner also recently weighed in on B141's liability and other client issues in a March 1999 article ("Seeing the Light") in *Architecture* magazine.

The complete package of the three-part Ericksen/Strogoff series and the LePatner article is available from the BSA along with "B141-1997: Avoiding Pitfalls, Grasping Opportunities," the AIA's own 1998 overview of B141 prepared by Joseph Dundin. For a copy of this 23-page package (it is available only by mail), AIA members in Massachusetts should send requests with a 77¢, 9" x 12" SASE to B141/RF, BSA, 52 Broad St., Boston 02109; nonmembers should include a $15.00 handling fee payable to the BSA along with the 77¢ SASE.

Bosley hailed by architects as Legislator of the Year

Rep. Daniel Bosley of North Adams received the AIA Massachusetts/BSA Legislator of the Year Award at a special reception in June at MassMoCA, the recently opened modern art museum in North Adams. The dinner program, hosted by the Western Massachusetts AIA chapter, was preceded by a special tour of the MassMoCA facility led by Henry Moss AIA of Bruner/Cott & Associates, designer of the renovation of this huge facility.

Rep. Dan Bosley

Rep. Bosley was honored for his effective leadership in the Legislature in recent years, specifically with respect to his willingness to tackle the enormous piece of legislation surrounding electricity deregulation. He has participated in recent events sponsored by the BSA and AIA Massachusetts such as the annual Legislators' Breakfast at the Parker House and Design Professionals Day at the State House. His willingness to contribute to the successful business practices of our members has been a reason to call attention to his efforts and we will continue to work closely with him on issues of importance to the profession and the community.

Rep. Bosley is the fourth State legislator honored by AIA Massachusetts and the BSA. The prior recipients were then-Senator Warren Tolman and then-Rep. Charlotte Golar-Richie (now Director of Boston's Department of Neighborhood Development) and former Sen. Robert Durand (now Massachusetts Secretary of Environmental Affairs).

If you are interested in becoming involved in the profession's public policy effort at the cutting edge, join us on the third Tuesday of every month at the BSA at 8:30 am. For more information, call me at 617-492-2200 or call or write Alexandra Lee at the BSA (800-662-1235x225 or 617-951-1433x225/ *alee@architects.org*).

George Metzger AIA
Board Commissioner of Public Affairs

Public bidding process examined in free workshop

The Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) is offering a free workshop on the State's public bidding process, which is applicable to all public awarding authorities. A public bidding procedures manual prepared by DHCD will be provided to those attending the workshop. This session is scheduled for 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, Wednesday, July 21 at DHCD's Conference Room A (10th floor), One Congress St., Boston. RSVP to Verna Friedman at 617-727-7130x687 (space is limited).

Do you want or have office space to share?

The BSA maintains an informal clearinghouse for designers seeking to sublet space from/to other industry professionals. If you are looking for space or have space to sublet or share, call Richard Fitzgerald at 617-951-1433x232.

Architects and allies push many envelopes

Defining and promoting the value of architectural services, serving our communities, strengthening our professional networks, and otherwise becoming more effective and successful at what we and our allies do as building industry professionals are at the core of the BSA network. Among the mechanisms available to Massachusetts architects and our allies are the scores of issue-oriented working groups that constitute the BSA. For a complete guide to BSA committees and task forces, call 617-951-1433x221. Here are a few examples of the efforts in which members and non-members are engaged today. Select one for yourself and join us...and earn AIA Learning Units in the process.

Designing the region — A group of hearty perambulators, urban designers, regional designers, regional planners, public officials and others constitute the Regional Design Committee. We address regional design issues such as suburban sprawl, Route 3 traffic issues, housing, aquaculture and restrictions on traditional fishing, working with local governments, designing the Urban Ring, etc. We meet on the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm; join us this month on **July 8**. For more information, call Robert Sturgis FAIA at 617-647-7833.

Design — "Architectural Journalism: Leader or Follower" is emerging as a new discussion topic for the BSA Design Committee. Our annual agenda includes roundtable discussions with leading designers, critics, educators and others and we focus on the large issues (and on design details). We also assess BSA design awards programs and we sponsor the annual BSA Unbuilt Architecture Design Awards program. We meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month for breakfast at the BSA; join us this month on **July 27**. For more information, call Robert Brown AIA (617-262-4354) or Ed Frenette AIA (617-547-5400).

School design — The Educational Facilities Committee meets every month in the offices of Earl R. Flansburgh + Associates to plan school-related publications (see p. 3) or workshops, to address school design regulations in Massachusetts, network technology now being specified for classrooms, construction documents issues, and otherwise to explore this large and important building type. We meet at 9:30 am on the 1st Tuesday of each month; join us on **July 6**. For more information, call Earl Flansburgh FAIA (617-367-3970).

Architects working in the public sector — The Public-Sector Architects Committee is a lunch group of architects employed in public agencies. We focus on building codes, liability issues for public agencies, and a range of other issues members of the Committee raise. We meet on the 3rd Monday of each month, typically with a guest speaker. Join us this month on **July 19** for lunch at DCAM. Every architect working as an employee of any public agency in Massachusetts is invited to join us. For more information, call Robin Luna AIA (617-727-4015).

New technologies — Project-specific sites on the Internet, our worst fears about legal issues surrounding new technology uses, the nuts and bolts of access to electronic documents, information exchange using new technologies, and security surrounding new technologies are among the issues addressed by the new BSA Technology Committee, which meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month at the BSA; join us this month on **July 28**. For more information, call Rick Gleason AIA (617-267-6980).

Young architects — Designers recently out of school and just beginning their careers gather periodically for career-related activities, tours of construction sites, IDP information sessions, job-search assistance, visits to local firms, and a good deal of networking and socializing. For more information, e-mail Steve Wonkka, Assoc. AIA (*swonkka@payette.com*), Ray Lopolito (*starterlin-design@juno.com*), or Diane Miller, Assoc. AIA (*dmiller@diaq.com*).

Designing houses — The Residential Design Marketing Group has been running a series of design clinics for homeowners throughout eastern Massachusetts (see p. 13); the Group includes practitioners of all firm types and sizes who are doing residential work. Each month we focus on a specific issue, usually related to marketing our services. We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month; this month we gather on **July 14**. For more information, call Bill Hubner AIA (781-862-3444).

Office information systems — A small group of design-firm management wizards is focusing on office information systems and how best to manage them in light of changing office technologies. We meet for lunch at the BSA on the 3rd Tuesday of each month; join us on **July 20**. For details, call Peter Sugar AIA (617-338-3000).

Members and non-members, architects and non-architects, are invited to taste the opportunities offered by these and over five dozen similar BSA networks of architects and allied professionals. For more information on any of these groups, call 617-951-1433x221 and ask for the Guide to Committees and Task Forces. (Chairs of all BSA committees and task forces are invited to contribute to this column regularly. To ensure that meeting notes are conveyed to the BSA Website, committee chairs should call Sarah Lainie Smith at 617-951-1433x222.)

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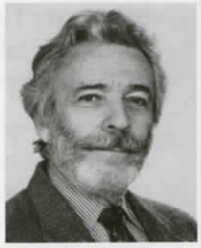

Peter Sugar AIA

Healthcare design — The Healthcare Facilities Committee meets at the BSA in the evening once a month to explore recent award-winning healthcare projects, DPH licensure checklists, healthcare design regulations, codes, new healthcare project types, and much more. We meet at 5:15 pm at the BSA on the 3rd Wednesday of each month; join us this month on **July 21**. For more information, call Richard Heym AIA (617-787-2400) or Robert Humenn AIA (617-227-6520).

Building envelope — The BSA Building Envelope Committee, led by Richard Keleher AIA of Shepley Bulfinch Richardson and Abbott, meets at the BSA to explore the full range of building envelope issues. Expansion joints in metal flashings, fire-containment for curtain-walls, window lab-testing, drained EIFS developments, air-barriers, variable-perm vapor barriers, field-testing of structural silicone glazing and humidity in historic building envelopes are on our agenda. We meet on the 4th Monday of each month at 4:30 pm at the BSA; this month it is **July 26**. For more information, call Keleher at 617-423-1700.

Education Network — A forum on internships in China, regional meetings of the national association of architecture students, BSA member forums with local architecture students, and the annual gathering of architecture students at Build Boston are among the programs sponsored of the BSA's Education Network. This unique network is led by John Rossi, Assoc. AIA and is intended to strengthen the education/practice connections and, in particular, the links between the profession and students at local architecture schools. We are focusing on new programming and welcome everyone. We meet on the first Wednesday of each month for breakfast; this month it is **July 7**. For meeting details, call Nancy Jenner at 617-951-1433x227 or Rossi at 617-492-8400.

Architects socializing — Receptions for new members, an increased schedule of social events for all BSA members, mentoring programs for young professionals, the role and treatment of interns, a BSA training program for recent graduates and BSA dues policy are among the issues now being addressed by the BSA Membership Committee. All members are welcome to join us for our lunch at the BSA on the 1st Wednesday of each month; this month it is **July 7** at noon. For more information, call Nina Monastero AIA at 617-661-7607.

Architects as exhibit curators — If you have an interest in planning, designing and installing exhibits in The Architects Building and other venues throughout Boston, the BSA Exhibits Committee welcomes you as we schedule exhibits throughout the year. We meet for lunch at the BSA on 3rd Thursday of each month to plan future exhibits; this month it is **July 15**. For more information, call Alexandra Lee (617-951-1433x225) or Committee Chair Robert Taylor AIA (617-357-5335).

CADD users groups — The BSA has user groups oriented to several different software programs — AllPlan (Ivan Bereznicki AIA, 617-354-5188), ArchiCAD (Jon Oxman AIA, 617-497-6127), Arris (Linda Carlton, 617-273-4226), DataCAD (Evan Shu AIA, 617-662-0020), and Microstation (Ann Gleason AIA, 617-2676980). For details on meeting schedules and other user group information, call the contact person noted after each software program listed above.

Preservation and restoration — The Historic Resources Committee is a dynamic assembly of design professionals, clients, preservation technology consultants, public officials, contractors, engineers and others interested in the broad range of preservation and restoration issues — urban and suburban sprawl, preserving Guastavino tile ceilings/domes/vaults, 19th-century iron, historic roofing, the reuse of older schoolbuildings in Massachusetts, the preservation of Fenway Park, Bulfinch's First Meeting House in Lancaster, the Old Northern Avenue Bridge, the award-winning *terra-cotta* restoration and repairs of Filene's, facade inspection ordinances, etc. We meet at 8:00 am at the BSA on the 2nd Thursday of each month; this month it is **July 8**. For more information, call Henry Moss AIA (617-492-8400).

Laws and regulations shaping us — Recently we hosted a presentation by the Merit Construction Alliance on open-shop construction labor issues and currently we are focusing on sales taxes, construction reform issues, Chapter 149 revisions, consultants' fee retainage, interior designer licensing, frivolous suits, and the powers of the architecture licensing board. We address those state laws and regulations that affect our practices. We meet for breakfast at 8:30 am at the BSA on the 2nd Tuesday of each month; join us this month on **July 13**. For more information, call George Metzger AIA (617-492-2200), Michael Hicks AIA (617-267-6408) or Alexandra Lee (617-951-1433x225).

Small firms — A tour into the depths of the Big Dig and an analysis of a fee and billing survey of architects nationwide with breakouts for both the New England area and small firms and for specific market groupings were the focus of our last two monthly meetings. Every month we focus on a specific small-firm practice issue. Join us this month on **July 15**; call the BSA 24 hours prior to the meeting to enable us to order enough lunch. For more information on this committee, call Deborah Pierce AIA (617-964-1311).

Designing cities — The Urban Design Committee is the group addressing everything from

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Deborah Pierce AIA

the new national focus on livable communities to the South Cove Boulevard/Copley Square traffic-control ideas to Boston's new Seaport District to the resuscitation of Boston's City Hall Plaza to the Northern Avenue Bridge and on and on and on. There is no urban-design issue too large or too small for the scores of architects, planners, public officials and other allies on the Committee. The Committee also is the sponsor of the biennial BSA/AIA New York Urban Design Awards program (see p. 4). We meet on the 4th Thursday of each month at Cambridge Seven; join us this month on **July 22**. For more information, call John Stebbins AIA (617-492-7000) or Peter Smith AIA (617-951-6369).

Homelessness — Habitat for Humanity, Casa Esperanza, Caritas, Transition House, "Spare Change" newspaper, "Christmas in April," Project Hope, Center for Addictive Behavior, and Horizons Initiative are among the organizations and projects on which the award-winning BSA Task Force to End Homelessness is working now. We are scores of architects, contractors, engineers and allies addressing one of our culture's central issues: providing shelter for all. We meet at 8:00 am at Payette Associates on the 1st Wednesday of odd months; join us next on **July 7**. For more information, call Nancy Sullivan (617-520-9265) or John Wilson FAIA (617-342-8200).

Architects as clients — The Corporate/Institutional Architects Committee meets monthly for lunch at the BSA. This group is composed of architects who work as staff members in private corporations, institutions such as hospitals and schools, and other private-sector environments other than architecture firms. We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month; this month it's **July 21** at noon at the BSA. For more information, call Susan Personette AIA (617-253-7474).

Marketing & PR directors — Marketing and PR directors of design and construction firms gather monthly for breakfast at the BSA and focus on a specific issue at each gathering. We meet for breakfast on the 4th Wednesday of each month; join us this month on **July 28** for our discussion of archives and library systems. In the Fall, we focus on ISO 9000 and quality-control standards (Sept. 22), out-of-state work and partnering with local firms (Oct. 27), and architectural photography rights and responsibilities (Dec. 1). For more information, call Janet Shotwell (978-526-4386).

Children and design — This committee meets regularly to raise design awareness among the next generation of architects and clients. We work in the community to broaden K-12 students' understanding of the built environment. A revival of the BSA's decade-old KidsBuild program (KidsBuild 2000) is now being planned; call Dan Perruzzi AIA at 617-482-3232 for details. We also are working with Jan Ham's Architecture Education Resource Center to develop a sophisticated design-oriented teacher-training program in Boston (see p. 12) and we help support efforts such as Diane Miller's work with Citizen Schools. Join us; we meet this month at 6:00 pm on **July 21** at the BSA to focus on the KidsBuild program. For more information, call Nancy Jenner (617-951-1433x227), Cammie Henderson AIA (617-426-1300), or Kay Barned-Smith AIA (617-522-0163).

Project Delivery — The AGC/BSA Task Force on Recommended Practices includes several AGC/BSA working groups focusing on the full range of design/build and other project-delivery issues. For meeting details, call Peter Kuttner AIA (617-492-7000) or Jack Hobbs AIA (617-269-5600).

Designing religious spaces — The Interfaith Forum on Religion, Art & Architecture organizes on-site forums in churches, synagogues and other religious spaces throughout eastern Massachusetts. The clients and designers join us as we explore the special nature of such spaces. We meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 1:15 pm for lunch at the BSA; join us when we resume our regular meetings in the Fall on **September 28**. For more information, call Cecilia Lewis, Assoc. AIA (617-928-4639).

Housing — The design and financing of middle-class housing, HUD programs, private-sector housing, the Seaport District masterplan, and the full range of regulations, financing mechanisms, and other issues that shape the design of all types of housing in Massachusetts are our bailiwick. We meet at 8:30 am at the BSA on the 3rd Friday of each month; join us this month on **July 16**. For more information, call Alfred Wojciechowski AIA (617-262-4355).

Sustainable design — The Architects for Social Responsibility Committee, the BSA's affiliate of ADPSR, sponsors the BSA Sustainable Design Awards program (see p. 6) and gathers monthly at the BSA to promote sustainable design, plan workshops and other events related to this central design issue, and otherwise raise professional and public awareness of environmentally responsible practices. We meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm at the BSA; join us this month on **July 27**. For more information, call Harvey Bryan FAIA (617-484-0854) or Marilyn Phelan, Assoc. AIA (617-491-6450).

Charles Tseckares FAIA, President

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Learning by design takes a giant step

The BSA and the Architecture Education Resource Center (AERC) have joined forces to provide an expanded menu of programs and services for K-8 students and teachers.

Jan Ham, Director of AERC, has been bringing architecture to schools for several years "to enable children to appreciate and make informed decisions about the built environment, to encourage children to use the architectural design process to express their ideas, and to provide teachers with the support and training to build community-based, multi-disciplinary design projects into their curricula." This new BSA partnership with AERC significantly increases our ability to educate the next generation of children architects/clients and users and is an exciting development for the BSA community.

As part of this new initiative, we are providing training and support for architects who would like to work with children. One of our goals is to match as many architects as possible with opportunities to meet and work with children in local schools. If you are interested in learning more about the Learning by Design program, call or e-mail Nancy Jenner at 617-951-1433x227/*njenner@architects.org.*

Kay Barned-Smith AIA & Cammie Henderson AIA
YouthVisions Committee

Ed. note: The BSA "KidsBuild" program administered by Committee member Dan Perruzzi AIA was first administered by the BSA at the Museum of Science in the early 1990s. To participate in the next session in early 2000, join us for food-&-drink at our next planning session at 6:00 pm at the BSA on July 21 or call Perruzzi at 617-482-3232.

Grants available to boost public design awareness

The Boston Foundation for Architecture has issued its 1999 RFP, which is designed to elicit proposals for programs that elevate public awareness of planning and design issues, especially among schoolchildren. Proposals are due **August 16**.

This year the engineering community is collaborating with the architectural community to increase significantly the funds available for grants. A proposal made by Beacon Skanska's Jim Becker, a former Foundation trustee and currently Chair of The Engineering Center Education Trust, will bring architects and engineers together for the 1999 grant-making session with funds contributed by the Trust to the Foundation for this experimental collaboration. The grant application guidelines have been enhanced this year to underscore the Foundation's interest in programs that address engineering as well as architectural issues.

For a copy of the RFP or more information on the Foundation, call 617-951-1433x221 or e-mail us at *bsarch@architects.org.* (See the related story on p. 14.)

Kyra Montagu, Chair
Boston Foundation for Architecture

ArchitectureBoston attracts national attention

Three of *ArchitectureBoston*'s "Other Voices" (the regular end-page feature) have been picked up and republished by other national magazines. Walter Maroney wrote about the library at Phillips Exeter Academy in the first issue of *ArchitectureBoston* (June 1998). His essay was reprinted in the American Architectural Foundation (AAF) publication *Building Connections: Enriching Learning through the Power of Architecture and Design.* Maroney's essay was also published on the AAF website. Marcie Hershman wrote about the New England Holocaust Memorial in the September 1998 issue of *ArchitectureBoston* and her essay will be published in a Beacon Press anthology this year. And Roger Paine's essay on Trinity Church (December 1998) was excerpted in the "Talking Stick" column in *Utne Reader.*

ArchitectureBoston is gaining national momentum; what do you think about this BSA effort? Write or e-mail the editor at *ArchitectureBoston*, BSA, 52 Broad St., Boston 02109/*njenner@architects.org.*

Nancy Jenner, Managing Editor

Are you in the Directory?

The Seventh Edition of the *Directory of Architecture Firms in Massachusetts* is now available from the BSA and has been mailed at no cost to all BSA members. This 1999 edition of the directory includes firm profiles of more than 800 Massachusetts architecture firms, a comprehensive list of BSA members, public agencies, building industry associations, a professional services listing and much more. To order this publication, use the BSA Design Resources catalog inserted in this issue of the ChapterLetter; it is item #80.

If your firm is in Massachusetts and is not included in the Directory, call 617-951-1433x228 for AIA/BSA membership information so that you do not miss the next edition.

Nancy Jenner, Directory Editor

Are architects and specifiers your customers ?

If you are a building industry manufacturer, distributor, supplier, vendor or other professional seeking to sell building products or building materials to architects and other design and construction industry professionals, you should be exhibiting your building products and materials at the 15th-anniversary edition of Build Boston, the U.S. building industry convention and tradeshow in Boston in November. There was an extensive waiting list for exhibitors last year, so we urge you to call the BSA/Build Boston marketing team now at 617-951-1433x301. We can also help you reach architects throughout the year through space advertising in the BSA's quarterly magazine and other advertising venues.

Consultants, contractors and manufacturers: the deadline is September 15

The BSA's Guide to Consultants, Contractors and Manufacturers is the popular resource for architects and others seeking to identify contractors, construction managers, engineers, architectural photographers, CADD and plotting services, model-makers, accountants, product suppliers and scores of other building industry professionals and resources. This free guide was mailed to all BSA members in May and is available at no cost to anyone else who wishes copies; it is also available around the clock on the BSA Website (*www.architects.org*).

To be listed in the next edition of the Guide, call or e-mail me now — the deadline is **September 15** — at 617-951-1433x234/*mcurran@architects.org*.

Melissa Curran, Listings Editor

Home-design team earns national press

The March issue of *residential architect* magazine prominently featured two marketing-savvy BSA members — Maxine Dolle of Thomas Peter Dolle Associates and Shannon Scarlett AIA of Shannon Taylor Scarlett, Architects. Entitled "Marketsmarts", the article reviewed a variety of image-building and business-development techniques that highlight firms' uniqueness and effectiveness and show clients what architects can do for them. The writer found the architects through Expert Sources, the BSA members service that matches experts to people seeking them.

Also highlighted in the article is the BSA's Residential Marketing Team (see p. 9) and the BSA's "Residential and Small Commercial Project Handbook", which includes tips for homeowners working with architects and a directory of firms that do residential work.

residential architect is a trade magazine that offers advice to residential architects regarding business issues. Circulated bimonthly to over 20,000, it carries information about new products, designs, and projects, management articles, technology updates, and architect profiles.

Lisa Oldham, Communications Director
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Are you missing the point in project interviews or presentations?

Misunderstanding project priorities, underrating the selection committee's expertise, and failing to address the problem at hand ranked in a recent study as the most egregious lapses committed by design professionals when they present their credentials to prospective clients.

That was one of many conclusions drawn as the result of a recent study that examined the differences in perception between the client and the design professional of what makes an interview successful.

The results of this study, conducted by educator and architect Victor Regnier at USC, focused on the detailed examination of the results of 43 designer-selection processes for facilities for the aging. The study ranks the clients' views of the importance of 18 criteria in selecting an architect, criteria ranging from interest and commitment to the project (rated #1 in importance) to proposed fee (#11) and references (#15). The report also enumerates the most common mistakes architects make in presenting their credentials to prospective clients and lists 30 "useful questions administrators would like to ask architects". The study was summarized in a recent edition of Design Firm Management & Administration Report (DFMAR).

In the same edition of DFMAR, "Don't Let Bells & Whistles Destroy Your Presentations" addresses the do's and don'ts in presentation technology.

For copies of both of these articles (available only by mail), AIA members in Massachusetts should send requests with a 55¢ SASE to Presentation Studies/RF, BSA, 52 Broad St., Boston 02109; non-members should enclose a $15.00 handling fee payable to the BSA along with the SASE.

Build Boston has a new image ...an updated website ...and a button

For Build Boston's 15th anniversary, the event has a new look. You'll see this new image (on the button at right) on all printed material and on site in November. For a preview of Build Boston workshops visit *www.buildboston.com* this summer. The complete workshop program will be available on-line in August; check often and register on-line. And . . . if you don't have a Build Boston button yet, stop by the BSA office and pick one up. It's the perfect fashion accessory.

New England Architects...

Throughout the summer, a special exhibit of current work by New England architects is on view in The Architects Building; it includes over 100 16" x 20" color photographs drawn from a similar exhibit at Build Boston '98.

...and The Big Dig

In addition, architectural photographer Peter Vanderwarker has loaned the BSA several of his photographs documenting The Big Dig and they are also on view in The Architects Building throughout the summer.

Teacher-training, dues and millennium on Board agenda

BSA President Charles Tseckares FAIA reports regularly in this space on actions taken by the BSA Board of Directors.

At recent meetings of the Board:

- Government Affairs Commissioner George Metzger AIA and VP Michael Hicks AIA provided a detailed analysis of the recent BSA-initiated Design Professionals on Beacon Hill Day, our annual excursion to the State House to meet with our State senators and representatives. The effort continues to grow in value and next year's event will provide new means for members to interact with senators and representatives throughout the year.

- We assessed several proposals designed to "sum up the century", the BSA effort to review the development of Boston over the past 200 years and assess our profession's contributions to that development as we look for clues for appropriate leadership roles for the profession in the coming century. A Spring 2000 public event/conference over a month-long period is currently planned to provide architects, historians, sociologists, institutional representatives, political leaders, civic activists, and other Boston residents to assess the growth of our built environment. For more information on this effort, call Richard Kobus AIA at 617-491-3067.

- We discussed significant new initiatives to elevate elementary-school and secondary-school students' and teachers' awareness of design and the shaping of the built environment. The BSA is collaborating with organizations such as Citizen Schools, the Museum of Science, and the Architectural Education Resources Center to develop an extensive teacher-training program focusing on design curricula. For details, call Nancy Jenner at the BSA (617-951-1433x227); see also p. 12.

- We marveled at the extensive reconstruction of the BSA Website led by staff members Sarah Lainie Smith and Lisa Oldham; the site was re-designed by Kohn Cruikshank, the graphic-design firm that also designed *ArchitectureBoston* and re-designed this newsletter. For information on the Website, e-mail your inquiries to *ssmith@architects.org.*

- We approved a proposal to retain an organizational-assessment consultant to examine BSA membership categories and dues levels in order to identify ways of making membership and dues policies more consistent with changes in the profession and in demographics in Boston.

For more information on Board activities, call the BSA at 617-951-1433x232.

Charles Tseckares FAIA, President

Leventhal family contributes $50,000 to Foundation

Norman Leventhal, Hon. BSA

"We share in your goals of educating teachers and children in how important it is to improve our physical environment," noted Norman B. Leventhal, Hon. BSA in announcing recently his family's gift of $50,000 to the Boston Foundation for Architecture. Joined in this extraordinary commitment by son Alan and son-in-law Ed Sidman and their families, Leventhal underscored their desire "to express our support" for the work the Foundation is doing.

"Norman Leventhal and his family have for decades been powerful and generous supporters of the BSA and the Foundation," noted Foundation chair Kyra Montagu. "Once again, the Leventhal family has stepped in at a crucial time in our efforts to strengthen our programming."

The Foundation has made over $300,000 in grants in its brief life to support public education programs related to design, construction and the built environment. (See p. 12 for a report on this year's grants program.) The current Foundation endowment-building campaign is designed to increase the Foundation's endowment to $1.5 million, thus enabling the Foundation to provide more significant grants to design-oriented programs aimed primarily at schoolchildren throughout Massachusetts.

The generous gift from the Leventhal family is an exceptional commitment that takes us a long way toward our current goal. We also have benefited this year from generous contributions from:

Kallmann McKinnell & Wood
Kennedy & Rossi
Poole Professional Ltd.

Shawmut Design and Construction
Suffolk Construction Company

Cole & Goyette Architects & Planners
Joan Goody AIA
Jean and Kyra Montagu
Leers Weinzapfel Associates
LeMessurier Consultants

Jim Crissman FAIA and Louisa Crissman
The Doran Family Charitable Trust
Susan W. Paine
Vivian and Lionel Spiro
Linda Snyder

For more information on the Foundation's grant-making and the endowment-building campaign, call Richard Fitzgerald at 617-951-1433x232.

Peter Madsen FAIA, Chair
Foundation Development Committee

New BSA website is launched

Cyberspace has been enriched by the wholly renovated BSA website (*www.architects.org*), which was launched last month. The dynamic new design and navigation system, developed by Kohn Cruikshank graphic designers, incorporates expanded information and resources brought together by a BSA staff team led by Communications Manager Sarah Lainie Smith.

Beyond broadened resources for members, the new site reaches out to the entire building community, the public and the media in ways the old site couldn't. The keystone of the BSA's new communications network, *www.architects.org* works in concert with the recently-redesigned ChapterLetter, *ArchitectureBoston* (the quarterly magazine that celebrates its first anniversary in June), a proposed BSA radio show, and a BSA Extranet now being developed by the BSA New Technologies Committee chaired by Rick Gleason AIA and Ann Gleason AIA.

Your favorite old standbys — links to member firms, continuing education information, monthly event and committee meeting calendars, the Building Industry Classifieds, awards deadlines, etc. — have been improved and supplemented by much new content. A new "For the Media" section invites representatives of the press to pick up story ideas, review recent press releases and reach member-experts to write, speak or be interviewed. In the "Working with an Architect" section, clients and owners who visit the site learn how and why to work with an architect and how to find and select the right architect for their projects. An expanded "Education" page strengthens the ties between education and practice, and dozens of links — to allied professional organizations, architecture schools, trade and business publications and other building industry resources — help you reach other sites of interest.

Watch this site for more to come — e-commerce, on-line directories, and pages for committees and task forces are the next steps. More importantly, visit *www.architects.org* and e-mail your crits and recommendations to me at *loldham@architects.org*.

Lisa Oldham, Director of Communications

www.architects.org

Flansburgh, Menino, Campbell and Vanderwarker to be honored by BSA

On the recommendations of the BSA Honors & Awards Committee chaired this year by Andrea Leers FAIA, the BSA Board of Directors has voted to confer these three major BSA honors in 1999:

Award of Honor
The 1999 BSA Award of Honor will be presented to Earl R. Flansburgh FAIA at the BSA annual Banquet at Build Boston on November 18. The Award of Honor recognizes extraordinary contributions to the profession and to the BSA over a significant period of time. Flansburgh, a former BSA President, also has served as a Trustee of the Boston Foundation for Architecture and currently chairs the BSA Educational Facilities Committee. His firm, Earl R. Flansburgh + Associates, is widely known and respected for its school design and other work.

Earl R. Flansburgh FAIA

Honorary BSA Member
Boston mayor Tom Menino is the 1999 recipient of the BSA honor referred to as Honorary Membership in the BSA. This honor is reserved for an individual other than an architect whose contributions to public understanding of design and preservation over a long period of time are substantial and uncommonly positive. Menino has long been an advocate of historic preservation in Boston and of maintaining Boston's unique urban character. He will be honored at a special BSA Presidents Reception in February.

Mayor Tom Menino

The Commonwealth Award
The BSA 1999 Commonwealth Award will honor Robert Campbell FAIA and Peter Vanderwarker for their joint authorship of the continuing series on Boston's development over the past 200 years in *The Boston Globe Magazine* and related efforts to raise public awareness of and participation in the design of the city. The Commonwealth Award annually recognizes significant contributions of those addressing issues surrounding the built environment. Campbell and Vanderwarker will be honored at the BSA Annual Banquet at Build Boston on November 18.

Robert Campbell FAIA

In addition to Leers, this year's Honors & Awards Committee included Richard Bertman FAIA (CBT), Steve Foote FAIA (Perry Dean Rogers & Partners), Chris Iwerks AIA (TAMS), Ron Ostberg AIA (The Stubbins Associates) and Charles Rose AIA (Thompson and Rose).

Peter Vanderwarker

Charles Tseckares FAIA, President

Do you need interns this summer? The BSA continues to receive inquiries from high-school and college students seeking paid summer internships with Massachusetts design firms. If you think your firm might need such help now and would like the BSA to include your firm on our referral list for interns, call (617-951-1433x221 or, outside Boston, 800-662-1235x221) and ask for a copy of the summer intern reply form. It's free, there is no obligation, and it has proved to be a useful service for firms and prospective interns...**Wentworth architecture students** are also available for summer internships; call Lynn Yaffee at Wentworth (617-989-4106).

The new Fenway Park designed by HOK has received much local and national press recently. You can review the design proposed by HOK on the Web at *www.redsox.com.*

Wright drawings available. Lisa Breslin of Boston has copies of drawings and a few original blueprints from her grandparents' Frank Lloyd Wright house in Ohio. If anyone would like to see them or copy them, please call Breslin at 617-423-2225.

"Winning Architects: The Winning Marketing Presentations of Five Successful Architects" is a series of unedited tapes including Q&A and excerpts of committee deliberations on five projects designed by Robert Stern FAIA, NBBJ and others. The projects include a library, a fine arts complex, a cancer research facility, and two university buildings. You will find the tapes on the Web at *www.suncam.com* or call 800-995-8116.

www.state.ma.us/reg is the Web address for complaint and licensing information available from the Massachusetts Division of Registration, which includes the Board of Registration of Architects.

A new graduate program in building conservation begins this September at RPI. The two-year, low-residency program is designed for mid-career professionals and leads to a Master of Science in Building Conservation. For details, visit the Web at *www.rpi.edu/dept/arch* or call RPI at 518-276-6789/6466.

The Boston Civic Design Commission, which reviews major development proposals in Boston, regularly holds its public meetings on the first Tuesday of each month. All meetings are at 5:15 pm in the Kane Simonian Room (the BRA Board Room) on the 9th floor of Boston City Hall; meetings are open to the public.

Will you help kids build? KidsBuild is a three-day interactive event for children organized by the BSA and held at the Museum of Science. It is a city-wide event during which children and their families role-play as citizens, designers, planners, and builders of a model city that they design and construct. BSA members and friends who have volunteered in this program in past years have found it to be an exciting, rewarding event. For more information, call Daniel Perruzzi AIA at 617-482-3232.

Hybrid Drawing*/Techniques by Contemporary Architects and Designers*, the new book by M. Saleh Uddin, is now available through the BSA Design Resources catalog. Ando, Fakelmann, Grice, Jahn, Moss and Tschumi are among the dozens of architects represented in this 200-page exploration of "the fusion and superimposition of diverse drawing types [ideas, media, techniques] intended to be seen as one drawing." This intriguing, heavily illustrated book is item #207 on the BSA Design Resources catalog, which is inserted in this issue of the ChapterLetter.

BSA partnering service works. Several years ago, the BSA developed a partnering consulting service for BSA member firms and others with an interest in partnering and related organizational management skills. This BSA service is provided by Dr. William Ronco, the founding principal of Gathering Pace Inc., who has over 15 years of experience working with organizational team and communications issues in the building industry. Ronco is also the author of the *Partnering Manual for Design and Construction*, which is available through the BSA. For a two-page description of the BSA's "Organization Team Building and Partnering Consulting Service," call 617-951-1433x221 or call Ronco directly at 781-275-2424.

Bill Ronco

The BSA exports experts. The BSA "Expert Sources" service begins with a database of members who offer public presentations on a variety of topics related to the built environment. These are excellent marketing opportunities for architects and firms and significant marketing opportunities for the profession as a whole. The BSA promotes its members as professional speakers to corporations, institutions, community agencies, schools, conferences and other venues at which we can elevate public awareness of architects and architecture. If you are a BSA member and have yet to complete the Export Sources information form, call or write Lisa Oldham at 617-951-1433x223/*loldham@architects.org.*

AA for designers. A small group of BSA members and friends has organized an informal AA group. If you are interested, calls in confidence may be made to 617-951-1433x232.

***CAN*struction is back.** The popular competition known as *CAN*struction, a unique design/build community service competition using canned and boxed food to create extraordinary architectural sculptures, is off and running in Boston. The sculptures are displayed in public

buildings around Boston and the food used in the constructions is then donated to The Greater Boston Food Bank. The deadline for entries is in the Fall; watch this space for details. For more information, call Holly Connor of the Society for Design Administration, which sponsors the event, at 617-523-8103.

New catalog lists accessibility equipment and products. Building industry professionals may find useful a new single-source catalog for design and construction equipment and products that meet accessibility needs. The catalog is called "Beyond Barriers" and was created by Access One, a Minnesota contractor specializing in accessible construction. The company says the catalog was developed to help residential and commercial clients, contractors, healthcare providers, and others "to locate hard-to-find, high-quality products at competitive prices." The 127-page catalog focuses on seven product categories: bathroom, kitchen, universal home, outdoor, leisure and fitness, pediatrics, and daily living aids. It is available for $6.00; call 800-561-2223 or 651-462-3444/ *www.beyondbarriers.com.*

"A Green Building Rating System: Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design" is the title of the US Green Building Council's detailed description of its program now on the Web at *www.usgbc.org.* This is a system designed to rate new and existing commercial, institutional, and high-rise residential buildings. The Web report describes the purpose of the rating system, how the program is administered nationally, certification opportunities, dispute processes, rating system criteria, and rating system prerequisites for everything from asbestos to water conservation. The program also provides credits towards certification for use of local materials, resource reuse, recycling, construction-waste management, etc. For those unable to download the information from the USGBC Website, an 18-page hard copy downloaded by the BSA is available by mail only: AIA members in Massachusetts should send requests with a 77¢, 9"x12" SASE to LEED/RF, BSA, 52 Broad St., Boston 02109; non-members should include a $15.00 handling fee payable to the BSA along with the SASE.

"Green Building Advisor" is a new CD-ROM for Windows and Macintosh users and is now available through the BSA. It is a software program that helps you design new buildings and retrofit existing buildings to be environmentally friendly and includes some 700 individual design strategies to "improve the environmental performance, cost-effectiveness, and healthiness of all phases of a building and its site from pre-design through occupancy and demolition." The Center for Renewable Energy and Sustainable Technology developed the CD-ROM in collaboration with *Environmental Building News.* This is item #203 in the BSA Design Resources catalog inserted in this issue of the ChapterLetter; call 617-951-1433x221 for additional catalogs.

"The Slate Roof Bible" is the title of a new book by Joseph Jenkins available from the BSA. This 285-page book ranges over numerous kinds and resources of slate in order to provide a little history, a little geology, a lot about durability, and a full section on repair and maintenance including basic tools and equipment, installing and recycling slate roofs, flashing, chimneys, and much more. To order, use the BSA Design Resources catalog inserted in this issue of the ChapterLetter; it is item #193.

Are you violating State conflict-of-interest rules? If you are working part-time or otherwise for a public agency in Massachusetts, you may want to be certain that your agency responsibilities are not in conflict with your private-sector work. The State Ethics Commission, in Commission Advisory No. 13A, addresses issues that may arise for professionals serving on planning boards, zoning boards, conservation commissions, housing authorities and other public agencies. For a copy of this advisory and for other information on conflicts of interest, the State Ethics Commission can be reached in Boston at 617-727-0060.

Avoid the "seven deadly sins" of practice. Promising too much, failing to collect your fee, ambiguous contracts, problematic specs, the shop-drawing process, site safety and ambiguous service agreements are the seven deadly sins for Gadsby & Hannah attorneys Richard Allen and Brian O'Rourke. These two Boston lawyers outline the seven deadly sins and how to "do penance" in order

"Sir, the following paradigm shifts occurred while you were out."

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to protect your practice in a recent article in Principal's Report. For a copy of this three-page article (available only by mail), AIA members in Massachusetts should send requests with a 33¢ SASE to 7 Sins/RF, BSA, 52 Broad St., Boston 02109; non-members should include a $10.00 handling fee payable to the BSA with the SASE.

Hospital design and **working drawings** are the subjects of two publications that have just added to the BSA's Special Publications catalog. *Hospital Interior Architecture/Creating Healing Environments for Special Patient Populations* by Jain Malkin is BSA publication #204 and *The Working Drawing Picture Book* is BSA publication #205. For ordering information, call 617-951-1433x221.

IDP for lunch? Tom Dawson, Assoc. AIA, the Massachusetts IDP Coordinator, is available to offer IDP advice and presentations for the young architects in your firm. There is no charge and this could be a special benefit for firm employees now in or about to enter the IDP program required for architectural licensing. To reach Dawson, call 508-497-2590.

Recognizing our community service begins now. It is a long-kept secret that architects are generous volunteers who bring their problem-solving, creative, visionary skills to their communities. The BSA, as part of our campaign to raise public awareness of what architects do, is about to let the secret out. **Are you active in town politics?** Do you serve on an historic district study committee? school committee? planning board? zoning board? Do you run the town soccer league? Are you president of the historic society? Are you involved in *pro-bono* work? We want to hear about your community volunteer activities. The BSA is compiling stories of architects who are active in their communities for publication in the ChapterLetter and elsewhere. The intent is to make our public constituencies — and all of our clients — more thoroughly aware of the exceptional range of skills, interests and services architects contribute to the common wealth. Send your stories and your accomplishments to Lisa Oldham, BSA, 52 Broad Street, Boston 02109/fax 617-951-0845/ *loldham@architects.org.*

If you are a design-firm principal or someone at that career level and are interested in exploring mergers, finding new partners, buying other firms, selling your own firm, or otherwise assessing the possibility of significant business and career changes at the partner/principal level, call Richard Fitzgerald at the BSA (617-951-1433x232). We maintain a confidential service for design-firm principals exploring new options but not interested in advertising that exploration in the usual ways.

Robert Linn of Virginia has won the 1999 Rotch Traveling Scholarship competition administered by the BSA; the $30,000 scholarship is awarded annually to the winner of a two-stage design competition. Linn was one of 65 competitors throughout the U.S. who participated in the preliminary competition and one of the seven finalists challenged to design "A Land/Water Satellite in Boston Harbor". The program described an animal rehabilitation facility and a summer camp for city children. Linn studied architecture at the University of Arkansas and at Harvard; he currently works for Moskow Architects in Boston. The Rotch Scholarship is the oldest of its kind in the U.S. and the long roster of Rotch scholars includes Henry Bacon, Ralph Walker, Wallace Harrison, Louis Skidmore, Edward Durrell Stone, Gordon Bunshaft and Victor Lundy. Written requests for applications and guidelines for next year's program must be made in writing to Rotch Scholarship, BSA, 52 Broad St., Boston 02109 and must be received by the BSA by December 1, 1999.

Robert Linn

The Rotch Scholarship Jury this year included Carol Burns AIA, Andrea Leers FAIA, Tamara Roy, Warren Schwartz FAIA, and Judy Wolin.

The 1999 edition of *The Publicity Directory for the A/E/C Industry* (formerly called *The Publicity Directory for the Design, Engineering and Building Industries*) is now available from the BSA. In its seventh year of publication, the Directory — published by The Fuessler Group — is used by design and construction firms throughout the country as a reference resource on nearly 120 trade and professional publications. This tool for marketing and PR professionals includes current editorial calendars, personal tips and recommendations from editors on how to submit information, and media relations tactics. To order the Directory, use the Special Publications catalog order form inserted in this issue of the ChapterLetter (it is item #117) or call the BSA at 617-951-1433x221.

An Advanced Standing track toward a Master of Architecture professional degree has been established at the BAC. The program is aimed at those with a BS or BA in architecture or environmental design and a central component of the program is the requirement that students participate in a rigorous Practice Curriculum in which credits are earned in the workplace. For details, call Valerie Nyce (617-262-5000x256).

Competitions/Awards/Grants

BSA Design Awards Programs (see pp. 2, 4-6) ...**San Francisco State University Entryway** design competition; 8/31 reg. & submission deadline; 415-405-0371 (Rodger Birt)/ *www.hyperborc.com/sfgate*...**Martin Luther King Jr. National Memorial** design competition; $20K 1st prize; 10/15 reg. deadline; 410-554-0040x110 (Dr. E. Jackson Jr.)...**VELUX View Awards**; res'l/ comm'l new-renov. facilities with skylights or roof windows; 9/1 deadline; 202-625-2515 (Pat Leichtman)...**Membrane Design Competition**; cash prizes; 9/9 deadline; Membrane Design Competition 99, Shinkenchiku-sha Co., 2-31-2 Yushima, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo 113-8501, Japan... **Central Glass Int'l Ideas Competition**; cash prizes; 7/21 deadline; Central Glass Competition Office, Shinkenchiku-sha Co., 2-31-2 Yushima, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo 113-8501, Japan...**Gabriel Prize**; 12/1 deadline for *written* requests for guidelines to BSA, 52 Broad St., Boston 02109...**Rotch Scholarship**; $30K competition prize; 12/1 deadline for *written requests for guidelines* to BSA, 52 Broad St., Boston 02109...**Rome Prize Competition**; 11/15 deadline; 212-751-7200...**The Steedman Fellowship** in Architecture; $20K; 1/ 26 deadline; 314-935-6293/fax 314-935-8520/e-mail *steedman@arch.wustl.edu*...**Loeb Fellowship** nominations; Jan. deadline; 617-495-9345... **Lighting Awards**; 10/31 deadline; 301-587-9572/ *info@nlb.org/ www.nlb.org*...**Housing Design Ideas Competition** for Roswell, New Mexico; 9/ 20 deadline; 323-296-6226/ *clerk@frank.org*... **Masonry Projects Awards**; 9/15 entry deadline; 303-823-8284 (Bill Palmer)/ *palmer@wocnet.com*... **Historic preservation grants**; Mass. Historical Commission grants program/$300,000; *www.magnet.state.ma.us/sec/mhc* or 617-727-8470 ...**Berlin Prize Fellowships** in architecture and other disciplines; 212-588-1755/fax 212-588-1758 (The American Academy in Berlin, New York City)..."**Competitions" magazine** reports regularly on competition results and related information; for a subscription, call 502-451-3623... **Predevelopment Assistance Program** grants to support early-stage economic development projects in Massachusetts; 800-445-8030 (Mass. Development Finance Agency)...**Victorian-era buildings** (exteriors or interiors), public places, open spaces, etc.); Jack Grinold, 48 Greycliff Rd., Brighton MA 02135...**AIA Honors & Awards Programs** including the Gold Medal, Kemper Award, Whitney Young Citation, Honorary AIA Membership, Design Honor Awards, 25-Year Award, Urban Design Awards, AIA College of Fellows, Honorary Fellowship, Thomas Jefferson Awards for Public Architecture, Young Architects Citation, Library Building Awards, Institute Honors, Architecture Firm Award, Henry Bacon Medal, Topaz Medallion for Education, Brick in Architecture Awards, Interior Architecture Awards, Concrete Masonry Design Awards, Cedar Design Awards, etc.; deadlines vary; 617-951-1433 x221 (ask for the Annual Awards Schedule)...**Minority/ Disadvantaged** Scholarship Program; annual AIA/ AAF Scholarships; 202-626-7511 (Mary Felber)... **Aga Khan Award**, Program Procedures, 32 chemin des Crets-de-Pregny, CH-1218 Grand Saconnex, Geneva, Switzerland ($500K in prizes; rolling deadlines)...AIAS **student competitions:** programs & deadlines vary; 202-626-7472... NIAE **student competitions**; 212-924-7000... **Fulbright grants** for architects and urban planners; 202-686-4000 (fax 202-362-3442)...NEA design project grants & **individual grants/fellowships** (up to $20K) for designers; 202-682-5437 ...The **MacDowell Colony** Residency for architects; 603-924-3886 or 212-966-4860 for applications & deadlines...For details on the American Architectural Foundation Richard Morris Hunt Fellowship and numerous AIA-related **fellowships and scholarships** for minorities/disadvantaged individuals, professional degree candidates, health facilities design, research, and other purposes, including The RTKL Traveling Fellowship, call 202-626-7511 and, for the AIA/AHA Fellowship in Health Facilities Design, call 202-626-7429.

A schedule of annual BSA, AIA New England, & national AIA **design awards** programs is available from the BSA; 617-951-1433x221

Workshops/Conferences

Build Boston (200 workshops/seminars); 11/16-18; 617-951-1433x221...**Global Markets conference**; BSA/Roger Williams University, 7/17, Bristol RI; 617-951-1433x221...**Preservation workshops**; Preservation Institute, Windsor VT; Summer workshops on stone masonry repair, historic paints, wooden window repair, etc.; 802-674-6752/ *histwininc@aol.com*...**Landscape design** summer workshops; 7/26-8/15, Conway School, Conway MA; 413-369-4044/ *workshops@csld.edu*...**Landscape Architecture** summer school in Italy; 7/99; *centrostud@ fibbc.it*...**ICOMOS** World Congress of Conservation and Monumental Heritage; 10/17-23, Mexico; tel/fax 01-525-277-31-66 or 272-41-28/ *icomosmex99@compuserve.com.mx*...**Classical Architecture** summer program; 6/5-7/17, NYC; 212-681-2761/ *institute@isca-ny.org*...**Design/ Build School** (Yestermorrow in Vermont); May-Nov. courses; 888-496-5541/ *designbuild@ yestermorrow.org*...**Beijing 99**; International Union of Architects Conference; *uiabeijing99@ public.gb.com.cn* (on the Web at *www.cin.gov.cn*) ...Northeastern University Center for Continuing Education **Building Design and Management** courses; 617-320-8000...**Wentworth Institute of Technology** professional and continuing studies programs; 617-442-9010x446...**BAC continuing ed**. programs; 617-536-3170...**GSD professional development** program including Tony Tappé FAIA on "Public Library Planning and Design" and numerous other options; 617-495-1680...Jewish Vocational Service career, **job-hunting** and related workshops; 617-965-7940... **Women's Educational and Industrial Union** career services workshops and other services on job-hunting and other career issues; 617-536-5657... **MIT Center for Real-Estate** Summer Institute professional development courses; 617-253-4373 ...**BU Program for Real-Estate Studies**; 617-353-3013...**North Bennet Street School** workshops on preservation carpentry, fine woodworking, etc.; 617-227-0155.

Exhibits/Lectures/Tours

BSA International Architectural Tours Program; 800-272-8808 or 415-955-2753 (see p. 1)...**BSA exhibits** (see p. 2)...**Harvard GSD** Commencement Exhibit (6/8-8/15); 617-495-4784...**MIT Museum** exhibit of the work of Doc Edgerton; 617-253-4405...**Historic architectural drawings** exhibit at the Library of Congress; also special exhibit on the work of Charles and Ray Eames (5/20-9/4); 800-551-7328... **Boston By Foot tours**: Freedom Trail (incl. special child's eye-view tour), Victorian Back Bay, The Waterfront, Beacon Hill, The North End, Boston Underground (May-Oct); special tours of Charlestown (7/25) and Coolidge Corner (8/29); 617-367-2345...**Independence Day** reading of the Declaration of Independence and related events for children; The Bostonian Society; 617-720-3290...**Garden Treasures** bus trip; 7/17, SPNEA (617-227-3956...**Historic Shirley-Eustis House** tours; Jun-Oct, Boston; 617-442-2275...**Antique & Classic Boat Festival**; 9/4-5, Boston; 617-666-8530/617-489-1137..."The Four Shapes of Boston," a slide-lecture on **Boston's architectural history** available to rent (with speaker); 617-367-2345...**Art & architecture tours** of the BPL; 617-536-400x212... **Freedom Trail Tours** (617-242-5642)...**Walking Tours of Jamaica Plain** (617-524-5992)...**Black Heritage Trail** (617-742-5415)...**Gropius House Tours**; Lincoln; 781-259-8098.

Teaching Opportunities

Kids Build/YouthVisions; BSA programs for kids; 617-951-1433x227...**Design professionals** sought for Boston Learning Society seminars in Needham (a BSA partnership program); 781-453-9800...**Universal Design** workshop leaders sought for international conf. in Providence, June 2000; 9/1 proposal deadline; 617-695-1225x35/ *www.adaptenv.org/21century*...**Teachers/Practitioners:** the BAC is seeking instructors in the decorative arts, wood-frame construction, mechanical/ electrical systems, materials, methods and contract documents, structures (many of these related to the A.R.E.); call Ron Ranere AIA at 617-536-3170x258...The Boston Museum of Science is looking for professionals to **teach problem-solving**, computer applications, your favorite interdisciplinary topics, and a variety of other courses; call 617-589-0364 (Brent Jackson)...Wentworth Institute is **seeking constructive and compassionate architects** to serve as design critics; call Herb Fremin at 617-442-9010x425.

Publication Opportunities

ArchitectureBoston, the BSA quarterly magazine; for editorial and advertising requirements, call/ e-mail Nancy Jenner at 617-951-1433x227/ *njenner@architects.org*...Robert Campbell FAIA would like to publish BSA members' **residential work** in the *Globe*; mail materials directly to Campbell, 54 Antrim St., Cambridge MA 02139 (fax: 617-576-4784)...***Boston Herald* critic** David Eisen is seeking BSA members' work on housing, interiors, urban design, great public projects, tiny private retreats, etc.; mail non-returnable information to Eisen at 186 South St. – 5th Floor, Boston 02111...***Banker & Tradesman*** architecture critic Jeff Stein AIA welcomes story ideas; suggestions should be e-mailed to him at *steinj@wit.edu*...***Visual Architecture/Boston*** seeks BSA members' work to publish at no cost; 978-692-8999x349.

See a wide variety of **paid and volunteer opportunities** in the "Building Industry Classifieds" listing inserted in this issue.

People

BSA President **Charles Tseckares FAIA** was recently named the Citizen of the Year in Winchester for his extensive commitment to town committee work especially in relation to the renovation of all the schools in Winchester; the renovated/expanded Brooks Free Library in Harwich by **CBT/Childs Bertman Tseckares** is a recipient of the 1999 Massachusetts Historical Commission Preservation Award; CBT also announces that Senior Associate **Catherine Hunt, Affil. BSA** has been named Director of Business Development and Margaret Furlong has been named Director of Communications; and the firm is one of three invited to submit designs for the Project Imagine American Dream Home design competition fund-raiser for social-service programs...Former BSA President **Peter Kuttner AIA** has been named President and Managing Principal of **Cambridge Seven Associates;** his work was profiled recently in a full-page *Banker & Tradesman* profile...**ADD Inc** has been honored with the "Rising Star" award from the Cambridge Business Development Center for the firm's "impressive record of fiscal and employee growth"...**HNTB** has announced the appointment of Roland Lavallee, PE/PLS as Vice-President in charge of the firm's work in northern New England and Gordon Turow ASLA and James Fisher have been named Associate VPs...**William H. Rowe III, AIA/PE** has just published his third book, *Residential & Light Commercial Construction Standards* (R.S. Means)...**Lindsay (Peter) White AIA** has been honored by The Guidance Center in Cambridge for his long-time commitment to children's mental health and also has been honored for the same contributions by the City of Cambridge and the Massachusetts House of Representatives...**The Stubbins Associates** and associate architect **Taylor & Partners** have been honored for Project Team Effectiveness by the New England Construction Users Council for their design of the Federal Medical Center at Fort Devens (the award also named the Federal Bureau of Prisons as owner, O'Brien-Kreitzberg as CM, and Perini as contractor); TSA also has been cited for its creative use of concrete by the New Jersey Chapter of ACI and has received recognition for lighting design from IES for the firm's design of the MBNA Hall School of Business and Economics at the University of Delaware...**Architectural Resources Cambridge** celebrates its 30th anniversary this year...MIT's School of Architecture and Planning has honored **Arthur Helman Cohen AIA-Emeritus** for his "generosity and commitment" as a member of the Dean's Council...**Shepley Bulfinch Richardson and Abbott** has named four new Senior Associates — **Janette Blackburn AIA, Thomas Kearns AIA, Leslie Sims AIA** and **Kevin Triplett AIA**; the firm also named eight new Associates — **Cynthia Solarz AIA, Wei Li AIA**, Director of Marketing **Katherine Watts, Affil. BSA**, Karen Estabrook, Richard Grinnell, Arto Kurkjian, Kelly Monnahan, and Rus Savary...**Tappé Associates**' Gardner New Middle School and Quabbin Regional Middle/High School in Barre have been selected for publication in the 1999 *American School & University Educational Interiors Showcase*...**TRO/The Ritchie Organization** has announced that **Robert Farrow AIA** has been named Principal and VP of the firm's Florida office...**John Sheehy FAIA**'s whimsical letter on writer Tom Wolf's never-ending white wardrobe appeared in a recent issue of *Time*...*Faith & Form* magazine recently featured (and honored with its Religious Architecture Award for 1999) the Temple Emanuel project in Newton designed by **Finegold Alexander + Associates**...In its 5/99 issue, *Architectural Record* published letters by **John Wilson FAIA** on the appropriateness (or lack of it) of designing prisons and by **Shirley Kressel, Affil. BSA** on the renovation of Boston's City Hall Plaza and also featured the national AIA Design Award-winning projects by **Anmahian Winton** (the Minneapolis Pathways healthcare facility) and **Kennedy & Violich** (the Theater District Masterplan for Boston)...In recent issues of *The Boston Globe*, **Robert Campbell FAIA** writes on the plans for Fenway Park, Norman Foster's plans for the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, **Leers Weinzapfel**'s design of the Lawrence Courthouse, and the residential design work of **Alan Joslin AIA** and Deborah Epstein...The *Globe* also recently featured the housing design work by **Primary Group** (including an interview with principal **Kirk Sykes AIA**)...*The Boston Globe Magazine* (5/16) featured the Cape Cod residential work by **Doreve Nicholaeff AIA, Michael Prodanou AIA, Paul Lukez AIA**, and **John Bryer AIA** and also featured the new book by **Peter Vanderwarker, Affil. BSA** and Tom Lingner, *The Hidden Gardens of Beacon Hill* (available at the BSA; see p. 3).

New Work

Monastero & Associates is designing the significant expansion and addition to the Consulting For Architects office in The Architects Building; CFA, now on the second floor, is also leasing the first floor...**Mary McKenna & Associates** is designing the restoration and addition to the USES Children's Art Center in Boston, the adaptive reuse of the Winchester Star Building for John Moriarty and Associates, and a new atrium skylight for Boston Scientific Corp. in Watertown...**Architectural Resources Cambridge** is designing office and lab facilities for Polaroid, Genzyme, and Bayer Diagnostics and has completed work on the new BU DeWolfe Boathouse along Memorial Drive and the Ryan Elementary School in Tewksbury...**Mostue & Associates** has completed the new Transition House treatment facility for persons with drug and alcohol dependencies for Steppingstone, Inc. in Fall River...**DRA** is designing a new high school for Monson and converting its junior/senior high school for use as a middle school...**Margulies & Associates** has completed design of the corporate HQ for Payton Construction in the Fort Point Channel/Seaport District...**Miller Dyer Spears** has completed work on the new Shriver Job Corps Center in Ayer, renovations and additions to the Pratt Hall Music Building at Mt. Holyoke College, and a new physical fitness center for the Westover Job Corps Program...**Payette Associates** is designing an addition to the Barus & Holley engineering and physics teaching lab building at Brown University...**Sasaki Associates** is designing Loyola College's new fitness and aquatic center in Maryland...**HNTB/**Rafael Viñoly Architects have been selected as the team to design the new Massachusetts Convention Center in Boston's Seaport District...**Ann Beha Associates** is preparing a master site plan and will guide the restoration effort of the historic Sotterley Plantation in Maryland...**TRO/The Ritchie Organization** has completed renovation of the Stamford Health System nursing home in Connecticut and has completed work on Memorial Hospital's new primary care center in Rhode Island...**Tappé Associates** has completed work on public libraries in Acton, Sudbury and Keene NH...**The Stubbins Associates** is designing an addition/expansion of the Howard Johnson's Hotel in the Fenway for Bob Sage and is programmer/planner for St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto...**Graham Gund Architects** is designing a new community for the St. Joe Company near Seaside FL and a new hotel in Celebration for Disney's Celebration Co...**Finegold Alexander + Associates** is renovating dorm space at Harvard Business School's Mellon Hall.

Corporate Affiliates

Judith Nitsch Engineering reports that it is eligible for certification as a "small business" under the new SBA standards (see story on p. 7)...**Elaine Construction** is building new office space for US Trust at 55 Court Street in Boston (Fuller Associates is the designer), the First Albany Corp. at 53 State Street (Visnick & Caulfield is the architect), is CM for gym renovations at the Jewish Community Center in Newton (Prellwitz/Chilinski is the architect) and is design/build CM for new offices and labs for Swift Touch in Bedford...**Shawmut Design and Construction** is overseeing new construction of several design/build facilities for Ruth's Chris Steak House throughout the U.S. and has completed work on its fourth P.F. Chang's China Bistro...**A.J. Martini General Contractors** is expanding Filene's in the Cambridgeside Galleria for The May Co. (Carlson & Associates is the architect), renovating Filene's stores in the South Shore Mall and in Milford CT and is providing tenant fit-out services in the new Reservoir Corporate Center in

HKT Architects has named Ellen Light AIA (above) and John Bunzick CCS/CCCA Associates of the firm

photo: Monika Andersson

Jack Synnott AIA is now Director of Healthcare Architecture at DTS Shaw Associates

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Jeffrey Salocks AIA has joined Einhorn Yaffee Prescott as Senior Associate

Andrew Deschenes, Assoc. AIA is a new Associate at Gorman Richardson Architects

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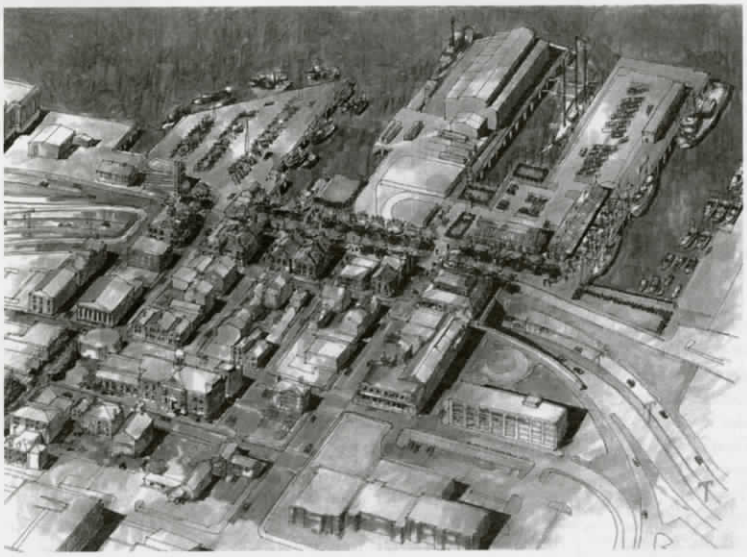
Mary McKenna & Associates, Inc. has named David Sullivan (above) VP of Construction

Architectural Resources Cambridge and Ripman Lighting Consultants have been honored with the 1999 International Illumination Award for this new classroom at Harvard's Kennedy School...photo by Nick Wheeler

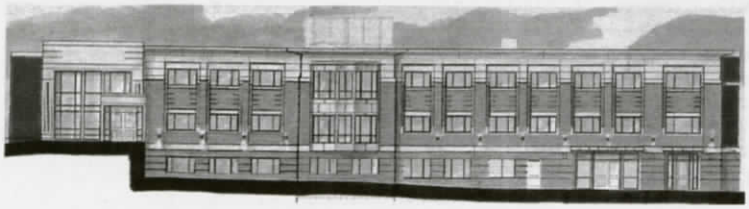
Kennedy & Rossi has completed Phase I renovations for the Ambulatory Medical Center at Cape Cod Hospital and has completed expansion and historic renovation work at Middlesex School (above) in Concord...photo by Disario Photography



BPG/Bluestone Planning Group is preparing a highway redevelopment plan for Route 18 adjacent to the waterfront Whaling Historic District and Harbor area in New Bedford

Earl R. Flansburgh + Associates has designed this new academic building for BC Law School in Newton...photo by Steve Rosenthal

CBT designed the renovation and expansion of this library and classroom building at The Winsor School in Boston...photo by Edward Jacoby



Miller Dyer Spears is designing renovations and the addition for the Codman Square Health Center (new front facade pictured above)

ADD Inc is completing work on the new Cutler Lake Corporate Center for Wellsford Commercial Properties Trust in Needham and on the New Balance Athletic Shoe World HQ (left) developed in Brighton Landing by BV Development with Vanasse Hangen Brustlin providing masterplanning, engineering and other services

This residence designed by Paul Lukez Architecture was highlighted in The Boston Globe "Home" Magazine *in May...photo by Greg Premru*

Schwartz/Silver Architects designed this Cape Cod residence, which was featured in the June issue of Architectural Digest*...photo by Peter Vanderwarker*

Beacon Skanska is providing construction services for the MIT Stata Center (above) designed by Frank Gehry FAIA

Southborough for Beals & Thomas (Gorman Richardson Architects is the designer)...**Carol R. Johnson Associates** has announced that Stephen Sears, an Associate in the firm, is one of 27 American recipients of the 1999 Rome Prize...**The Karsten Co.** has completed several interior renovation projects for Polaroid in Norwood, multiple bathroom renovations at BC's Cheverus Dorm, and the remodeling of the Crispus Attucks Child Care Center in Roxbury; the company also has renovated and moved its headquarters into the historic 1911 Weymouth Electrical Co. building in East Weymouth... **Consigli Construction** has announced the appointment of Michael Walker as Project Executive and William Mueller as Project Manager...**Carr Enterprises** has completed a new gym and new classroom and lab space for the Tower School in Marblehead (Symmes Maini & McKee is the architect)...**Suffolk Construction** is building the Boston Water & Sewer HQ in Boston (Gannett Fleming is the designer), Melville Towers in New Bedford (Thomas Heger/ Berg Associates is the architect), Sunrise Assisted-Living Facility in Sunnyvale CA (Dietrich Mithun Associates is the architect), Boston Latin School (HMFH is the architect), and the Marina Bay skilled-nursing facility in Quincy (The Architectural Team is the designer)... **Simpson Gumpertz & Heger** is designing the new large millimeter telescope to be installed in Mexico as a joint venture of the University of Massachusetts and the Instituto Nacional de Astrofisica Optica y Electronica...**Erland Construction** has reconstructed Babson College's Hollister Hall...**Peabody Construction** has named two new project superintendents — Donald Milanese and Steve Bergin...**Haley & Aldrich** has announced several promotions: Mark Haley is now Principal/Senior VP; David Hagen, William Kay Jr., Robert Kloepfer, Muriel Robinette and David Schoenwolf are new Senior Associates/ VPs; Andrea McKown is now Senior Consultant/VP; Richard Standish is Associate/VP; Daniel Dobbels, Edward Hynes and Joel Mooney are now Consultants/VPs; and Fred Rhyner, PE has joined the company as VP and Geotechnical Group Manager in the Manchester office...**Wrenn Associates** has completed construction of a new spec office building at 2300 Crown Colony in Quincy for Lincoln Property Co. (John M. Shesky & Associates is the architect)...**Erdman Anthony and Associates** is providing the MEP services for US Trust in Malden (Gensler is the architect), two floors of office fit-out at the Pru for Boston Edison (ADD Inc is the architect), surgical eye centers in Elmira NY and elsewhere (Hardaway Architects is the designer), and a new train station in Rensselaer NY (Stracher, Roth and Gilmore is the architect)... **Wise Construction** has completed work on office space for Tufts Health Plan in Waltham (Cubellis & Associates is the architect), lab facilities for Genomics Collaborative in Cambridge (Margulies + Fishman is the architect) and is building a lab for The Butcher Co. in Marlborough (the Architect Studio is the designer), and several floors at Harvard's James Hall (Robert Olson and Associates is the architect); the company also has announced the appointment of John Thompson as Project Manager, Mark Roberto as Superintendent, and Annette Smith and Lynne Doherty as Accountants...**Selbert Perkins Design** has announced that Josh Roy (Designer), Michael Toomey (Billing Supervisor) and San Haddad (AA) have joined the firm and Julia Daggett has been promoted to Studio Director, Jodi Singer has been promoted to Marketing Communications Director, and Ellen Wheeler has been promoted to Marketing Director; John Lutc has transferred to the company's Santa Monica office and Tamara Robinson and Eileen Neuwirth have joined the Santa Monica office...**Payton Construction** has completed work for Harvard Pilgrim Health Care at the Crown Colony Drive facility in Quincy (Visnick & Caulfield is the architect) and build-out for a new pharmacy at Harvard Pilgrim's Kenmore Center (JACA, Inc. is the architect) and is providing PM services for seven Cablevision projects throughout Massachusetts (Earl R. Flansburgh + Associates is the architect) and office renovations for Deutsche Financial Services in Waltham (Gary Lee & Partners is the architect); the company has also announced that Joseph Sheehan has joined the company as Project Manager...**Vanasse Hangen Brustlin** is providing services for the Crosstown Center mixed-use development project in South Boston (The Primary Group is the architect), land-development services for the new Reebok International HQ in Canton, and survey and site services for the proposed Hilton Suites Hotel in Providence (Elkus/Manfredi is the architect)...**Lee Kennedy Co.** is converting the Castignetti Building in the North End into luxury residential units with Intercontinental Developers and Brian Healy Architects, renovating the International Cargo Port at the Black Falcon Terminal in South Boston (Arrowstreet is the architect), renovating the Harvard Medical School's Primate Center lab in Southboro (Trapani & Associates is the architect), converting office space at 120 Boylston Street to academic use for Emerson College (Fletcher Harkness Cohen Moneyhun is the architect), restoring Harvard's Wadsworth Hall historic facade (Robert G. Neiley Architects is the designer), mechanical structural and new building services for Northeastern's Curry Student Center (Sasaki Associates is the architect), construction of Harvard's Beren Pavilion and Jordan Field (D'Agostino Izzo Quirk is the architect), renovating the former Lemon Grass Grill on Cambridge Street for Ma Soba restaurant, building out the Austin Grill in Cambridge, providing CM services for Brew Moon in Connecticut, renovating and expanding Talbot's Boylston Street store, renovating Filene's in downtown Boston, renovating the fitness room for Swissôtel at Lafayette Place, and renovating the Discovery Theater for the New England Aquarium...**Dimeo Construction** is renovating Yale's Arts & Drama Center (Deborah Berke Architects is the designer), the new Brighton Landing office complex (ADD Inc is the architect), and has completed tenant fit-out for Aon in Providence (Gensler & Associates is the architect), Western Connecticut State's West Side Campus Dorm in Danbury (Herbert S. Newman is the architect), and the historic renovation of the Smith Building in Providence (Durkee/Brown is the architect); and the company has announced that Tim Sullivan has joined the firm as a Senior Estimator...**Prior Engineering** is providing engineering services for tenant fit-up for Dave & Buster's Restaurant/Amusement Center in Connecticut (Shawmut Design and Construction is the client), a study of the electrical distribution system for BJ's Warehouse in New York, security facilities for DuPont in New York (Salemi Associates is the architect), a telephone switching office for VERIO in Boston (a design/build project with The Gnome Group), conversion of the Valley Road School in Nahant to public offices (Michael A. Interbartolo, Jr. AIA is the architect), electrical services for the Washington Street condos in Brighton (The Hamilton Co. is the client), and HVAC and fire-protection systems services for Harvard's Yenching Library (Mostue & Associates is the architect).

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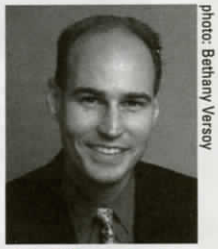

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John Pilkington has been promoted to the new position of VP of Estimating at Shawmut Design and Construction

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4 (Sunday) *National Nitrites Day (Sponsored by The US Burger & Dog Association)*	**6** **9:30 am** Educational Facilities Cte, Earl R. Flansburgh + Assoc., 77 No. Washington St., Boston (see p. 9) *Kafka is 92*	**7** **8:00 am** Education Network (see p. 10) **8:00 am** Task Force to End Homelessness, Payette Assoc., 285 Summer St., Boston (see p. 11) **Noon** *Membership Cte (see p. 10) *Chagall is 112*	**8** **8:00 am** Historic Resources Cte (see p. 10) **8:00 am** Editorial Board **6:00 pm** Regional Design Cte (Robert Sturgis FAIA, 617-647-7833); (see p. 9) *Marie Antoinette's architect was guillotined on this date in 1794 for advocating fee-bidding*	**9**
12 Build Boston **November 16-18** ***buildboston.com***	**13** **8:30 am** Legislative Affairs Cte (see p. 10)	**14** **8:30 am** Residential Design Marketing Team (see p. 9) **6:00 pm** DBUG, Architectural Design Inc., 62 Route 6A, Orleans (eshu@world.std.com); see p. 10 **6:30 pm** AllPlan Users Group, Bereznicki Assoc., 9 Wendell St., Cambridge (see p. 10)	**15** **Noon** *Exhibits Cte (see p. 10) **Noon** *Small Firms Practice Cte (see p. 10) *Inigo Jones is 426* *Rembrandt is 393*	**16** **8:30 am** Housing Cte (see p. 11) **17 (Saturday)** **2:00 pm** "Response and Responsibility" Presentations (see p. 7)
19 **Noon** *Public-Sector Architects Cte, Rm. 1609, 100 Cambridge St., Boston (see p. 9) *Degas is 165*	**20** **8:00 am** SeaPort Focus Team **Noon** *Office Information Systems Task Force (see p. 9)	**21** **Noon** *Corporate/Institutional Architects Cte (see p. 11) **5:15 pm** Healthcare Facilities Cte (see p. 10) **6:00 pm** KidsBuild (see p. 11)	**22** **6:00 pm** Urban Design Cte, C7A, 1050 Mass. Ave., Cambridge (see p. 11) *Hopper is 117*	**23** * Lunch Meetings! RSVP 617-951-1433x221 800-662-1235x221 by 9:30 am on the day of the meeting to reserve lunch.
26 **4:30 pm** Building Envelope Cte (see p. 10)	**27** **8:00 am** Design Cte (see p. 9) **6:00 pm** Architects for Social Responsibility (see p. 11)	**28** **8:00 am** Marketing & PR Wizards (see p. 11) **Noon** *New Technologies Cte (see p. 9) *Duchamp is 112*	**29** **5:00 pm** Networking Cruise (see p. 1)	**30** Build Boston **buildboston.com**

AUGUST

There are no BSA meetings in August; all BSA members and friends are celebrating these birthdays: **L'Enfant** (turns 245 on August 2), **Andy Warhol** (71 on August 6), **Charles Bulfinch** (236 on August 8), **Belluschi** (100 on August 18), **Eero** and **Eliel Saarinen** (respectively, 89 and 126, both on August 20), and **Goethe** (250 on August 28).